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Substitute bill drops CW-3

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» 1,000 CW slot reductions starting FY 2024 onwards proposed

A proposed substitute to a U.S. Senate bill that extends the transition period for the CNMI's foreign worker program to fiscal year 2029 omits a new permit type that gives its holder eligibility to work in the CNMI for three years.

U.S. Senate Bill 2325 has a proposed amendment that drops the CW-3 visa classification, among many others. U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) introduced the bill with the aid of a bipartisan, bicameral working group composed of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and several other members of the U.S. Congress.

In a document *Saipan Tribune* obtained yesterday, a proposed substitute bill to S. 2325 drops the proposed CW-3 visa classification. It, instead, includes a provision that would allow CW-1 permit holders who have had CW permits since fiscal year 2015 to apply for a CW-1 per-

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CHCC wants local share of Medicaid restored

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» Board approves $29.8M budget request for FY 2019

Beginning fiscal year 2019, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. wants the local government to finally remit its local share of Medicaid funds.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña said the hospital has had to tap Affordable Care Act monies since 2010-2011 to meet the shortfall.

An agreement between the CNMI government, which at the time was strapped for cash, and Medicaid allowed CHCC to draw down from the 55-percent federal Med-

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'Talk of terminating parole authority premature'

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While terminating the parole authority that allows the CNMI to bring in Chinese and Russian tourists would be devastating to the local economy, Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion said the possibility of that actually happening is remote.

"I think any talk of terminating parole authority for the CNMI is premature. The CNMI economy is heavily dependent on the tourism industry and to choke off China and Russia, which comprise 35 percent of arrivals to the CNMI, will be reckless on the part of the federal government, to say the least," he said in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

The potential loss of the

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Yonsei students win 8 medals at Guam festival

Kate Ishida, a music student of the Yonsei Academy on Saipan, received a perfect score from every judge at the ongoing Tumon Bay Music Festival in Guam. That feat earned her a gold medal.

The academy's other students—Heechan Kim, Grace Zhang, Joseph Zhang, and Nancy Han—also received gold medals.

Students of the Yonsei Academy competed at the music festival on March 3, 2018.

The festival itself is from March 1 to 10, 2018. There

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Yonsei Academy students are joined by Ji Hye Yun, a director of Yonsei Academy, as they pose with the medals they earned at the Tumon Bay Music Festival.
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OAG opposes demand for 2nd preliminary hearing

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The Office of the Attorney General is opposing the demand of a suspected methamphetamine trafficker for a second preliminary hearing.

Assistant attorney general Jonathan L. Wilberscheid said that Ehrl Mirano is not entitled to a second preliminary hearing.

Even if he were so entitled, no benefit would result from holding a preliminary hearing. "It would serve no legitimate purpose and would result in nothing but a waste of resources," Wilberscheid said.

He asked the Superior Court to deny Mirano's motion and arraign him on the additional charges of the amended information.

Last Oct. 23, the OAG filed an information charging the 40-year-old Mirano with trafficking and illegal possession of a controlled substance. He was also charged with illegal possession of a controlled substance over a search of his house last Oct. 13.

At the preliminary hearing last Oct. 23, the Superior Court found probable cause to charge him with three counts.

Last Nov. 9, the OAG filed an amended information charging him with the same three charges plus trafficking and illegal possession of a controlled substance over an incident last Oct. 12.

Chief public defender Douglas Hartig, counsel for Mirano, opposed the government's amended information and asked the court to strike the two additional charges.

CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force officers arrested Mirano in Koblerville last Oct. 13 on charges of trafficking and possession of controlled substance. A $100,000 cash bail was imposed on him.

DETF said their "cooperating source" disclosed last Oct. 9 about the drug distribution activities of Mirano within Koblerville.

A cooperating source managed to purchase $200 worth of "ice" from Mirano during a "buy-walk" operation at his house in Koblerville.

In July 2012, a federal jury found Mirano guilty for his role in a conspiracy to forge stale CNMI tax refund checks and cash them in grocery stores. Federal documents identified him as Earl Eric Mirano.

The District Court sentenced him in November 2012 to 142 days in prison followed by two years of supervised release.

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'Without parole, how will NMI economy be sustained?'

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Like Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan) worries about the possible termination of the parole authority and its repercussions on the growth of the CNMI economy.

Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* on Wednesday that he fears for the CNMI economy if the Trump administration decides to end the Marianas parole authority.

"It's alarming that our delegate in Washington, D.C. came up strongly with that [statement]," he said, referring to Sablan saying that he is on alert to the possibility of the CNMI losing its parole authority.

Guerrero chairs the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

"If the Trump administration is sincere with terminating the parole, then how can we as the CNMI sustain our economy here?" asked Guerrero.

The tourism industry, which is the CNMI's main driving force, relies on about 550,000 visitors from South Korea, China, and Japan.

With the Marianas losing direct access to Japan due to Delta Air Lines' suspension of Narita-Saipan flights, the CNMI will lean heavily on South Korea and China for its tourists.

South Korea is included in the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program while China relies on the Marianas parole authority– a program that allows Russian and Chinese tourists to enter the CNMI for a number of days. Both Chinese and South Korean tourists comprise over 40 percent of the total number of CNMI visitors.

The Marianas parole authority could be terminated via presidential executive order, which is Sablan's and Guerrero's fear.

"We might not receive the same number [of tourists] as we see now with the parole authority [for China]," said Guerrero.

Chinese tourists may still enter the CNMI without the Marianas parole authority, but they will have to first secure a U.S. visa.

"What we need to do is find the issue that is confronting the Trump administration. Are they comparing [the CNMI] to stateside? [The CNMI] is not even in the same capacity in terms of population and land size; we are a small island out

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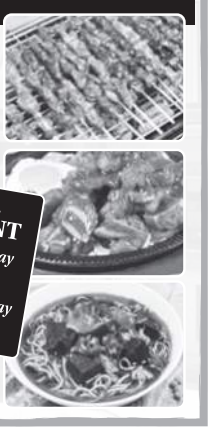

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mit that is valid for three years and may be renewed for three-year periods during the transition period.

Besides dropping the CW-3 permit, the substitute bill also omits a provision that allows the CNMI governor to suggest to the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security to reserve a number of permits for job categories necessary to maintain public health safety in the Commonwealth as well as a provision that requires the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security to adjudicate a permit within 60 days.

It also added that starting fiscal year 2024 onwards, there would be a reduction of 1,000 CW slots annually, and only 1,000 CW slots for the first quarter of fiscal year 2030. CW slots remain to be reset to 13,000 in fiscal year 2019 and is steadily reduced by 500 annually until fiscal year 2023.

The substitute bill includes a provision that further strengthens the Department of Homeland Security's fight against immigration fraud. The provision provides that an additional $50 would be imposed for the renewal of each CW petition, regardless of type.

The substitute provides that the U.S. Secretary of Labor would use or make available to employers an occupational wage survey, to be conducted by the CNMI governor. While the survey should meet U.S. Department of Labor standards, the survey would also determine the prevailing wages in the Commonwealth on an annual basis. The substitute bill further provides that, in the absence of an occupational wage survey, the prevailing wage would be determined by the arithmetic mean, or average, of the wages of worker similarly employed on Guam, according to the wage component of the Occupational Employment Statistics survey conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The proposed substitute includes a provision that prioritizes CW-1 renewals over new CW-1 permit applications by allowing CW-1 renewal permits to be renewed within a period of six months prior to its expiry while new CW-1 permit applications may only be filed four months prior to the date which the employer needs the beneficiary's services.

The Secretary of Homeland Services' authority to revoke permits remains in the substitute bill, but the basis for revocation was expanded. The DHS secretary now has the authority to revoke a CW permit if the employer fails to continuously employ a worker, fails to pay the worker, fails to submit requirements, or other violations of the terms and conditions of employment. An employer's failure to provide a former, current, or prospective CW worker within 21 business days after receiving a request from such worker with attached supporting documents that has been exchanged between the employer and the USDOL, the DHS, or any other federal agency is also subject to permit revocation.

The secretary may also revoke a CW permit if the beneficiary does not apply for admission to the Commonwealth within 10 days after the beginning of the petition validity, if the employer requests consular processing.

Revoked permits are reallocated during the next fiscal year, in which an additional permit shall be made available.

CW-1 permit holders who have renewed their permit for more than two consecutive, one-year periods are required to go out for at least 30 days, according to the proposed substitute.

While the proposed amendments are yet to be final, the U.S. Senate would be convening today to review and act on S. 2325.

Grateful

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Rep. Angel A. Demapan, and the Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp. remain grateful to Murkowski as her S.2325 gets reviewed by the U.S. Senate today.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said he is unable to comment on the bill as of this time due to an agreement among members of the congressional working group.

"Congressman Sablan values the relationships of trust he has built with his colleagues over the years, and will abide by that agreement of the working group until they are ready to announce any further updates on the bill," said a statement from the delegate's office.

In a statement yesterday morning, Torres expressed gratitude to Murkowski for providing the "opportunity to work directly with her office on the recent amendments made to S. 2325."

Torres, along with Demapan, has been in "direct communication" with Murkowski, who chairs the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the committee handling S. 2325, which held a hearing on the bill last Feb. 6.

"I thank Sen. Murkowski and all the members of her working group once again for allowing us to put new language that is important to the needs of the CNMI into the bill. I also thank the Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp. for their collaboration with me to advocate for the markups to the legislation. I'm thankful that the senator listened to our concerns about the construction ban in H.R. 339 and the problems they created, which include leaving out many of our long-term workers from the cap and not effectively protecting U.S. citizen employment," Torres said.

"Senator Murkowski has informed me that these markups will be considered tomorrow. A few weeks ago, I also received personal assurances by Rep. Rob Bishop, who chairs the House Committee on Natural Resources, that he will ensure the speedy passage of this bill in the House. The discussions have been very fruitful, and we truly are one step closer to a passage of the bill within the coming weeks," he added.

"I am thankful [to Murkowski for] listening to our concerns regarding our economy and workforce and specifically the damage that H.R. 339 had done to our legacy construction workers. I'm optimistic the Murkowski bill will pass the Senate quickly and move to the House where my dear friend, Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT), assured myself and Gov. Torres that he would pass Sen. Murkowski's bill quickly," said Demapan.

In a separate statement, NMBAC said that they too remain grateful to Murkowski, especially pertaining to the "language associated with the construction provision and prevailing wage consideration."

"We are thankful for the final bill product and thank [Murkowski] for championing the legislation. NMBAC is hopeful for its quick passage," the statement said.

CHCC

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icaid funding even without the corresponding local match, which was supposed to be 45 percent.

Fortunately, times have changed and, with the local economy improving, it's about time that the local government finally remit its local share to the Medicaid pot, Muña said.

During last Wednesday night's CHCC board of trustees meeting, members unanimously adopted its $29.8-million proposed budget for fiscal year 2019.

Included in the requested spending plan is about $14 million for the CNMI's Medicaid local match.

"The reason why I emphasized that we put that in the budget is because, No. 1, it's a loss and it should be recognized as a loss of this hospital. That is something that we haven't provided to [our] Medicaid patients. That has been a loss and it should be reported as a loss," said Muña.

She has been asking the administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to return the local match of Medicaid funding since two years ago.

"[The] reality has changed and the CNMI now has more money to allocate to CHCC… at least fund it next fiscal year and be prepared that, by 2020 when the ACA is over, you now need to pay 100 percent," she said.

ACA, or Obamacare, expanded health coverage to the uninsured and CHCC has been using the funding source since 2010-2011 when the CNMI government started to not fund its local Medicaid match.

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TALK

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Commonwealth's ability to continue to tap tourists from China and Russia, visa-free, was broached by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) earlier this month.

He told reporters he fears the loss of the parole authority because, in essence, he believes President Donald J. Trump is out to undo several Obama-era initiatives using his executive powers.

Proof of this, Sablan said, is Trump revoking temporary and protected status for Haitians and El Salvadorans and ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, among others.

However, rather than destroy the local economy, Concepcion said the federal government should do everything in its power to make sure the CNMI economy moves forward and grow.

"The federal government should help the CNMI and not limit our economic development. The feds gave us parole authority to use as a tool to stimulate economic growth. We are doing just that and to take it away at such a critical time will be devastating for the tourism industry and for the entire CNMI economy," he said.

Concepcion remains optimistic, though, that any idea about possibly terminating the parole authority are just that, ideas.

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YONSEI

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will be an encore concert on March 10, together with the awards ceremony.

The academy sent a five-person delegation to the music festival last year; all five returned with three silver and two gold medals. Ishida won a gold medal last year. She has been competing at the festival for six years now.

This year, Ishida, a 16-year-old sophomore at Marianas High School, played the prelude to Claude Debussy's *Pour le Piano* on the piano.

"Every year is as exciting as the last. I get to meet new people, reunite with the friends I made in the previous years, and I always learn something new with each performance.

"I have grown so much as a musician from the first time I competed at [the Tumon Bay Music Festival] when I was 11 years old to now. [The festival] has helped me get out of my comfort zone and [meet] every challenge and opportunity out there.

"I am thankful to my teacher for pushing me to be the best pianist I can be, and for my family and friends for always supporting me," she said.

This was Grace Zhang's first time to compete at the Tumon Bay Music Festival. She played the piano piece *Pathetique*.

"Leaning this piece nearly broke my wrist. I couldn't believe it when they announced my win," she said. "I am so thankful to God. …I am also very, very grateful to my teacher.

Grace Zhang said that without her teacher, she wouldn't have been able to win. "Mrs. Yun brought me to a whole new world of music; she is the best piano teacher anyone can ever have. After this year's competition, I am inspired to play piano more."

This was also her brother's first time to compete at the Tumon Bay Music Festival. Joseph Zhang plays the violin.

"I was stunned to hear my win," Joseph Zhang said.

He gave thanks to God, Mrs. Yun, his violin teacher, and his parents. "Without [Mrs. Yun's help] I wouldn't have won. She also gave me the motivation to practice my violin more. I also would like to thank my violin teacher, Mrs. Lim, for teaching me. Lastly, I would also like to thank my parents and everyone who supported me."

Kim, a senior at Mount Carmel School, is no stranger to the Guam music festival. This was his third time competing at the festival. He got a silver medal in 2016 and 2017, but this year, he won a gold medal, playing Lizst's *Nocturne No. 3 Liebestraum*.

"My piece, *Liebestraum*, also called *Love Dream*, is a serene, melodious piece. It was such a joy to perform this piece before a large crowd. All my effort was so meaningful. It was an unforgettable moment when I received applause! Finishing my senior year with a gold medal was wonderful," Kim said.

Another gold medalist, Han, goes to school at Agape Christian School, and it has only been five months since she started learning at Yonsei Academy. It was also her first time to compete at the Tumon Bay Music Festival. Her parents live in China and she is currently staying at the school's dormitory.

The school's other students—Sua Kim, Cindy Kim, and Judy Simeng—all received silver medals. It was Sua Kim's and Simeng's first competition but they say it was fun and a very good experience.

Although Cindy Kim is just 15 years old, she first competed at the Tumon Bay Music Festival when she was just 11 years old. She says it was still just as nerve-wracking as the first time, but it was very memorable and she learned many new things.

Ji Hye Yun, a director of Yonsei Academy, said that, for many of the students, this was their first time to compete at the festival "but they practiced very well and could enjoy their time while we were there. It was a very memorable experience for both me and the students, but the scores that the judges gave us made it even more memorable. I am very proud of each and every one of my students." ***(Saipan Tribune)***

PAROLE

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here in the Pacific Ocean," said Guerrero, adding that the local government is trying its best to rectify any issues.

Sablan earlier assured that he would use his congressional authorities and powers to reinstate a system that fixes problems we know exist while maintaining our unique access to Chinese tourists—access that has been so critical to our economic recovery."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, in a statement Monday, said the continuation of the Marianas parole authority is "in the best interest of the Commonwealth."

Torres warns the White House and U.S. Congress to be cautious of the policy rhetoric used and that working together, "we could get a lot done…to strengthen the economic viability of the CNMI for the long term."

Appropriation bill for Rota signed into law

On Wednesday, March 7, 2018, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into law a local bill, with the exception of several disapproved items.

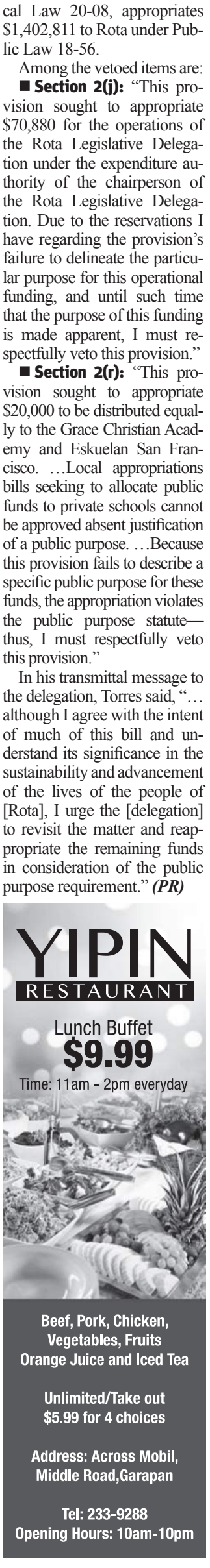
House Local Bill 20-55, S1, now on the books as Rota Local Law 20-08, appropriates $1,402,811 to Rota under Public Law 18-56.

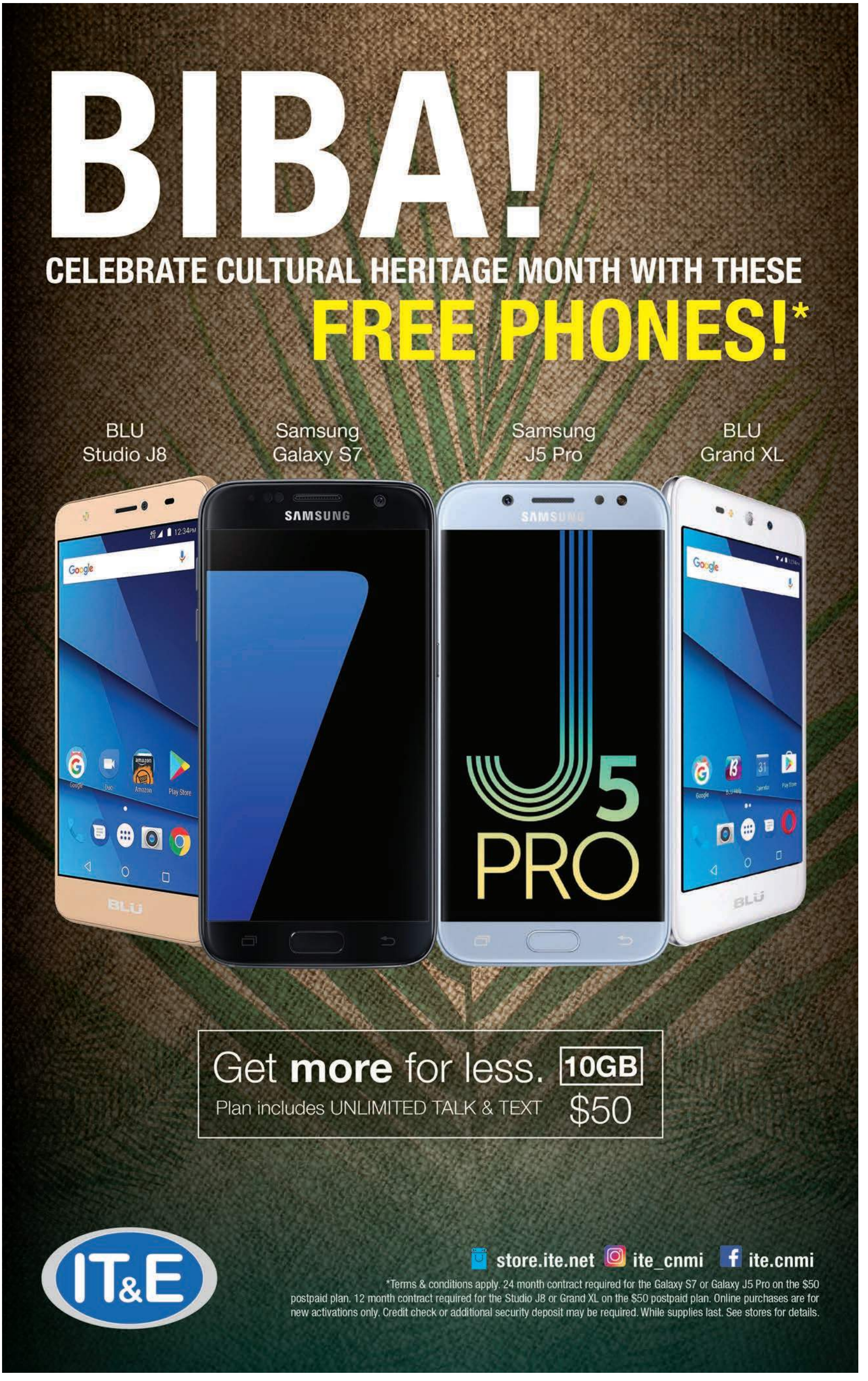
Among the vetoed items are:

■ **Section 2(j):** "This provision sought to appropriate $70,880 for the operations of the Rota Legislative Delegation under the expenditure authority of the chairperson of the Rota Legislative Delegation. Due to the reservations I have regarding the provision's failure to delineate the particular purpose for this operational funding, and until such time that the purpose of this funding is made apparent, I must respectfully veto this provision."

■ **Section 2(r):** "This provision sought to appropriate $20,000 to be distributed equally to the Grace Christian Academy and Eskuelan San Francisco. …Local appropriations bills seeking to allocate public funds to private schools cannot be approved absent justification of a public purpose. …Because this provision fails to describe a specific public purpose for these funds, the appropriation violates the public purpose statute—thus, I must respectfully veto this provision."

In his transmittal message to the delegation, Torres said, "… although I agree with the intent of much of this bill and understand its significance in the sustainability and advancement of the lives of the people of [Rota], I urge the [delegation] to revisit the matter and reappropriate the remaining funds in consideration of the public purpose requirement." ***(PR)***

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Atkins Kroll leadership changes hands

TAMUNING, Guam— George Ashford, chief executive officer of Inchcape Asia, announced the appointment of Alex Hammett to serve as president of Atkins Kroll, Inc. and Atkins Kroll, (Saipan), Inc. effective March 16, 2018.

Hammett replaces Des Graham as president of Guam and the CNMI's largest automotive retailer.

"Graham will be leaving… at the end of March. Des has decided to return to the United Kingdom to be closer to his parents, a decision we fully understand," said Ashford.

While Des has over 32 years' experience in the automotive industry, he has been with Inchcape Group for over 13 years, holding several roles, including franchise director for Inchcape in the UK,

Hammett

director of Inchcape's Advantage program—a global training and business development program, divisional director for Ford UK, divisional director for MG Rover UK, and, for the last five years, president of our Guam and Saipan businesses," added Ashford.

"He leaves us on a high note, not only having improved company performance, but with a much stronger team in place," said Ashford.

Hammett serves as the operations director for Atkins Kroll, Inc. after his appointment as the operations director for Atkins Kroll's Saipan dealership. He also held positions as AK's Finance & Insurance director, responsible for strategy, development, and operations of the F&I group and car rental operations manager responsible for corporate leasing, fleet, and car rental operations.

Hammett worked in the hospitality industry at the region's largest hotel properties and entertainment groups.

Hammett earned his bachelor's degree in Hospitality Business Management from Washington State University. ***(PR)***

Spay and neuter clinic set March 19-23

The Saipan Mayor's Office, through its Dog Control Program, will hold a spay and neuter clinic from March 19 to 23, at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse. The Spay Neuter Network will be help conduct the five-day clinic.

The Kaufman, Texas-based organization is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation and the team coming to Saipan will be spearheaded by director Bonnie Hill.

Hill's team will consist of two veterinarians and four support veterinary technicians.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang's special assistant Henry Hofschneider said the clinic will be from 8am to 5pm or 6pm, for both cats and dogs.

Pet owners must pay $25 per pet and payment must be made at any of the Treasury offices at the CNMI Courthouse and the Division of Revenue & Taxation in Dandan and Capitol Hill. Pet owners must present their receipt when they bring their pet to the clinic.

Call Spencer Marchadesch, Dog Control Program manager, at 783-4743 to register in advance to avail of the low-cost clinic.

Anyone willing to volunteer may also call Marchadesch at 783-4743. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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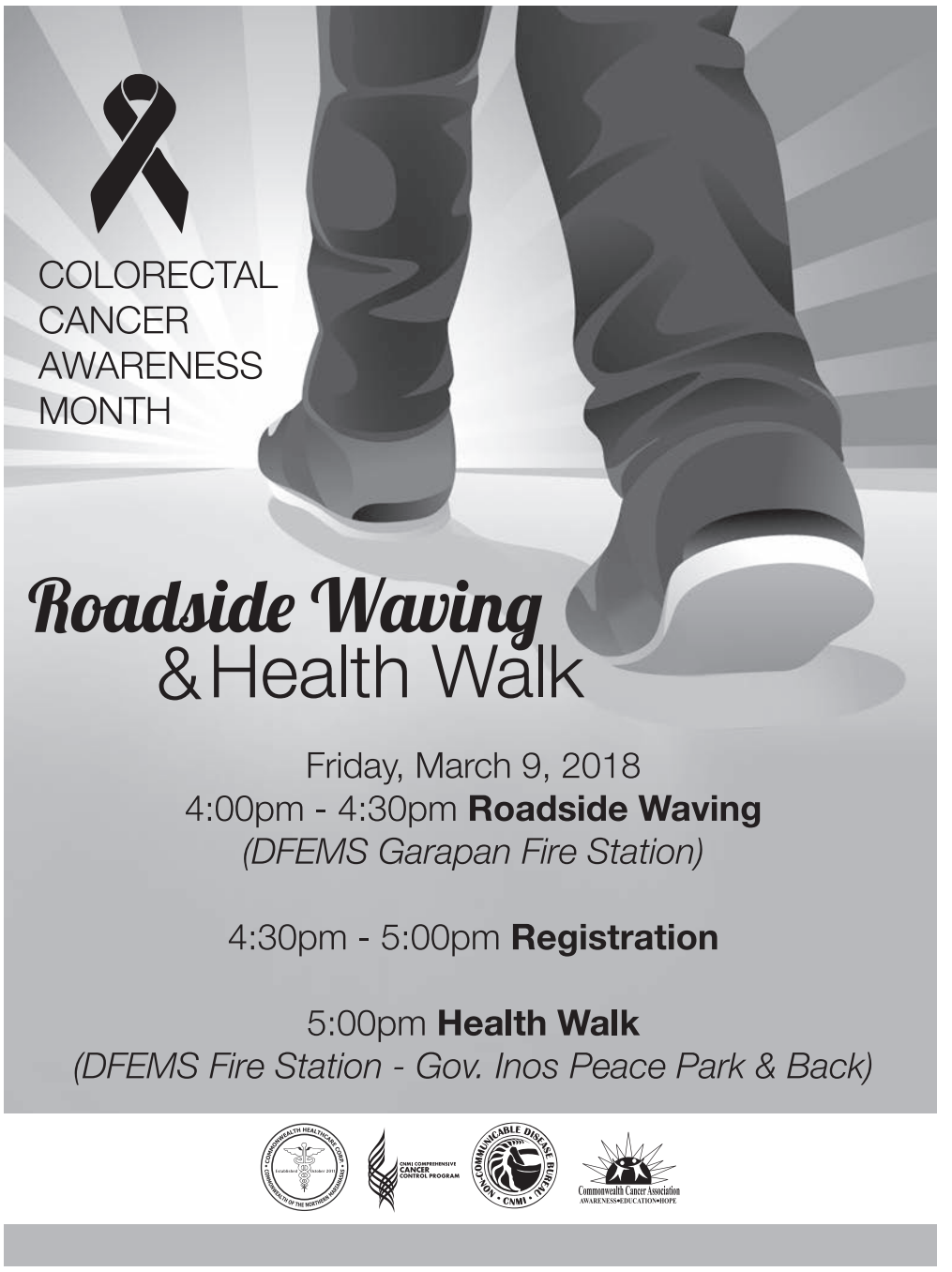

Chamber to host training on safety in workplace

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Island Training Solutions will be presenting "General Industry Safety," a non-construction-based training seminar that is geared toward the safety of employees and customers in a general work place.

This training seminar will take place at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce conference room (Marianas Business Plaza, third floor, Suite 315) on Thursday, March 22, 2018, from 9am to 12pm. Registration fee is $50 per person for Chamber members and $55 per person for non-members. Reservations and advance payment are required, as seating is limited. Light refreshments are included. To register, call (670) 234-7150 or email coordinator@saipan-chamber.com.

This training seminar is highly recommended for offices, wholesale, and retail businesses.

Though hazards may be limitless, every employee has a right to a safe place of work and employers are required to provide them a safe and healthy workplace.

During this training seminar, participants will be able to identify potential hazards in a workplace, create a culture of safety in their business, learn tips to keep their employees and customers safe, and determine the various aspects of a safe and healthy work environment. Participants will have the chance to familiarize themselves with basic safety key practices that they are able to share with others.

The "General Industry Safety" training seminar offers a bonus: each attendee will have a chance to win a free workplace safety evaluation for their place of business!

With the drastic increase of new development on the islands, businesses are experiencing an even more demanding consumer base. It is important to ensure safety at all times. Being safety oriented can help improve your employees' morale, productivity, as well as keep your customers and visitors protected from harm. ***(PR)***

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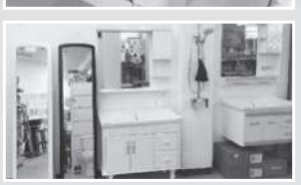

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Women's Month events

In keeping with CNMI Women's Month activities, the community is invited to attend an oral health presentation by Dr. Sabino of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Dental Clinic today, Friday March 9, at 1:30pm in the Garapan Community Development Center (located right by the Carolinian Affairs Office across Majesty Restaurant).

The importance of women's oral health and its association with overall health cannot be overemphasized. Poor oral health can have several detrimental effects on a woman's health across her lifespan. Learn more about how your health across your lifespan can impact your teeth and gum. The community is invited to attend this free presentation. For more information, call 233-9411.

Also today, March 9, is the NMC-CDI Computer Tech Hour at Bldg. W, Northern Marianas College, 5pm - 7pm. ***(PR)***

Scheduled power outage today and tomorrow

There will be a scheduled power interruption today, March 9, and tomorow, March 10, from 6am to 11am to allow the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to replace eight 45-foot wooden poles with concrete poles along Chalan Pale Arnold Road on Lower Navy Hill. The Lower Navy Hill area will be affected by this power outage but not water wells. The S-8 wastewater lift station will be affected. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates. ***(CUC)***

OPA presentation on Tinian today

The Office of the Public Auditor will be conducting ethics presentations on Tinian today, March 9, at the Northern Marianas College Tinian Instructional Site, Room D. There will be a morning and afternoon session at 10am and 2pm. If an agency or group of government employees are interested in the presentation, contact the OPA at telephone number (670)322-6481/2. The OPA staff will also be notarizing and accepting filings of financial disclosure statements from government officials. All filers are reminded to bring with them some form of photo identification, such as a driver's license or a passport. Failure to do so may result in the denial of notary services. ***(OPA)***

NMC offices will be closed this morning

Northern Marianas College employees will be participating in emergency preparedness training activities today, March 9, from 8am to 1pm. All NMC offices will be closed in the morning to ensure maximum employee participation. Offices will reopen at 1:30pm on the same day. Classes scheduled for Friday morning will also be canceled. Students whose classes have been canceled are advised to contact their instructors for information about making up class work. Classes scheduled after 1:30pm on Friday, March 9, 2018, will resume as scheduled. For any campus emergency, contact NMC Security at 237-6800. ***(NMC)***

UOG to mark 50th Charter Day on March 13

The University of Guam will celebrate its 50th Charter Day on Tuesday, March 13. Opening ceremonies begin at 9am in the center courtyard, and activities run throughout the day until 5pm. The event is open to the public. The theme is "Green is the New Gold" which recognizes the official color of UOG. Each year, Charter Day is the largest public event at the university with nearly 5,000 people visiting the campus. For a list of activities and downloads, visit www.uog.edu/charterday. ***(PR)***

Junior high mock trial on April 7

The 13th Annual Junior High Mock Trial will take place on Saturday, April 7, from 8am to 12pm, at the CNMI courthouse, where middle school students of the CNMI will be arguing a fictitious case of a shootout between agents of the Drug Enforcement Agency and a farmer. This year there will be 10 schools participating. Schools will be paired in rounds, which will be presided by a judge. The CNMI Junior High Mock Trial is a signature program of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council where students learn about the law and standard courtroom procedures in a non-competitive format. The program is free and open to the public. The CNMI Junior High Mock Trial is made possible through funding from the National Endowment for the

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Military training at Warning Area 12

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 12 during the following dates and times:

- March 9, from 7am to 6pm
- March 10, from 6am to 6pm
- March 11, from 6am to 4pm

It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. W-12 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. ***(PR)***

Philippine consular outreach

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam will be holding a mobile consular outreach on Saipan on March 13-15, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Note that all e-passport applications require the personal appearance of the applicant. Please wear proper attire (i.e., shirt with collar). For more information and confirmation, call (670)233-6293 and ask for Mel Santos. ***(PR)***

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- March 9, from 7am to 6pm
- March 10, from 6am to 6pm
- March 11, from 6am to 4pm

The military will also conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla today, March 9, from 10am to noon

It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Banks are open for public use.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. ***(PR)***

Free business seminar for veterans & spouses

The CNMI Military/Veteran's Affairs Office and the Small Business Development Center will be offering a free business seminar called "Reboot to Business" at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Azucena Room on March 26, from 9am to 4pm, presented by Dennis Kwak, director, Veterans Business Outreach Center of the Pacific. To register, contact Velma Del Rosario at 664-2650 or visit https://sbavets.force.com/s/. ***(PR)***

Art-in-the-Park at the AMP

In March and April, the American Memorial Park is partnering with artists and organizations to provide free art classes to the community under the 2nd annual Art-in-the-Park series. All ages are welcome.

There will be banana painting with Joy Rankin Santos on March 10, from 9am to 12pm. The Carolinian Affairs Office will teach beading on March 24, from 9am to 12pm. Kimberly Mendiola will teach watercolor painting on April 7, from 9am to 12pm.

At the end of the art sessions, on April 21, artwork will be displayed at the Visitor Center for the National Park Week. Space is limited so register soon! To register for a class, visit the American Memorial Park Visitor Center. The center is open daily from 9am to 5pm. For questions contact ranger Brooke Nevitt or education specialist Jovanna Mafnas at 234-7207x2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. ***(NPS)***

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'YOUR HUMANITIES HALF-HOUR'

Language program featured in Sunday half-hour radio show

This Sunday's "Your Humanities Half-Hour" radio program will feature the CNMI Public School System's Chamorro Carolinian Language Immersion Program.

This program allows Kindergarten students at Kagman Elementary School to learn while being immersed in the Chamorro and Carolinian languages.

Guests include project director Pat Kapileo, grant writer and adviser Valrick Welch, cultural specialist Joe Limes, and community volunteer Lino Olopai.

"Your Humanities Half-Hour" radio program is sponsored by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council. It airs each Sunday from 2pm to 2:30pm. on Power 99, with host Catherine R. Perry. ***(PR)***

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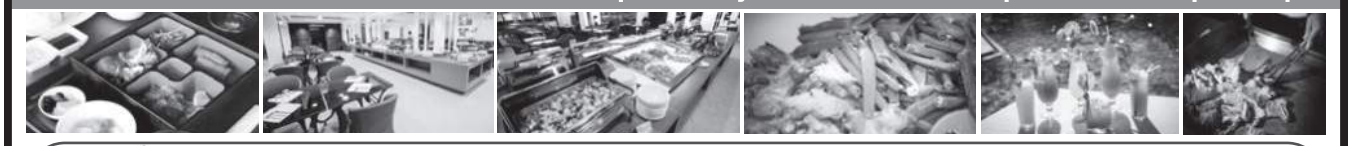

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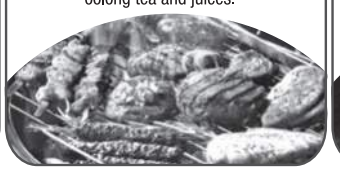

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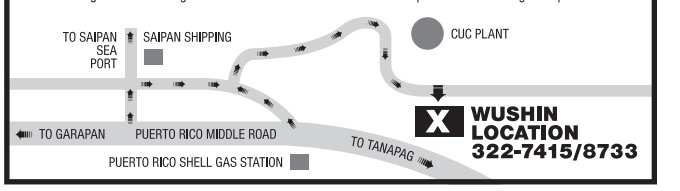

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Childcare program initiates emergency response planning

The Child Care and Development Fund under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs has initiated training for emergency preparedness and response planning with the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management during the 8th Annual Health and Safety Training.

CCDF administrator Maribel Loste said the focus of the training was to supplement the current knowledge of childcare providers and provide updates to their existent emergency plan.

"For the last eight years, we've conducted our annual health and safety training, and this year we are bringing emergency response planning to the forefront. We've discussed and provided first responder recommendations, especially when dealing with a possible active shooter scenario and we've also been very cognizant of other emergency situations such as natural disasters. We intend to continue the dialogue and training to enhance the safety and quality of our childcare program," Loste said.

Loste added that the training introduced the necessity for National Incident Management System certification of providers through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

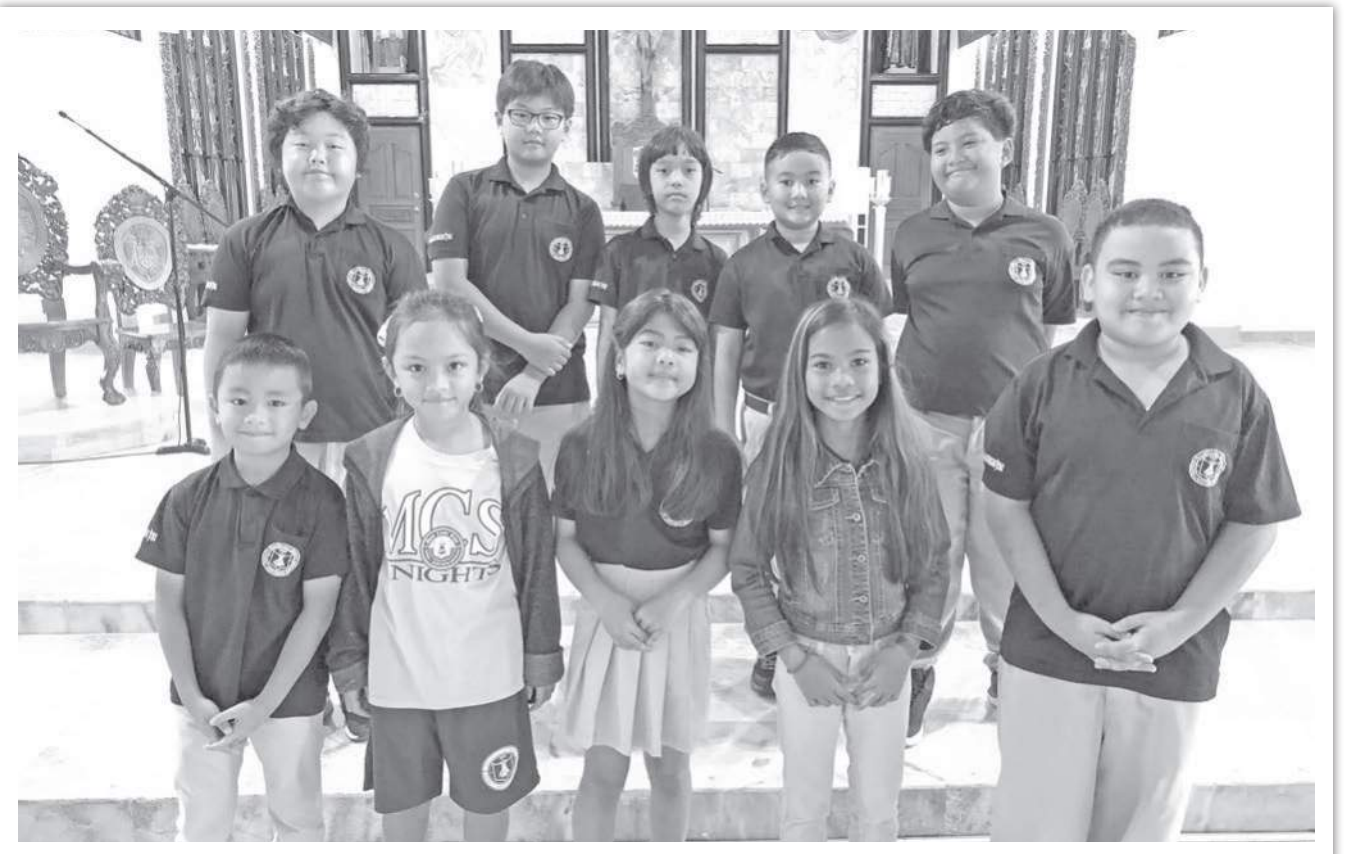
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres emphasized that reinforcing the basics on response planning is critical for all agencies, including the childcare program.

"When we consider our entire community, from the youth to the elderly, our agencies need to be knowledgeable of best practices. One of the key ideas behind the annual health and safety training is not just the focus on emergency preparedness and planning, but the importance of advocacy and keeping preparedness a priority. I commend CCDF and all partners for stressing the importance of response planning and making every effort to ensure that caregivers, our facilities, our activities, and personnel are well-informed and can function in the event of an emergency," Torres said.

Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert H. Hunter noted that Evergreen Learning Resource Center provided guidance on developing an emergency preparedness and response plan, along with steps for sheltering in place with the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and CHCC-Maternal Child Health Bureau.

"Our childcare program has made every effort to improve its services in terms of quality and safety. From day cares, to after-school programs and other caregivers, it is important to cover all aspects of safety. As we move forward with quality assurance outreach and training, emergency preparedness is part of our comprehensive approach to child care. I thank all our partner agencies and our caregivers for taking part in this endeavor and for another successful training," Hunter said.

For more information on the CNMI Child Care Program, log on to www.cnmicclp.org.***(PR)***



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes: February 22, 2018

II. REPORTS:
- A. Report by the Chairman
- B. Report by the Executive Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:
- A. Casino Licensee (IPI) Updates:
  1. Construction Progress – Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel (Imperial Palace)
  2. IPI Personnel – Resident Employment Objectives & CLA Annual Plan
  3. Responsible Gaming Program
  4. Compliance Committee
  5. Other Miscellaneous Matters
- B. Other Matters:

V. OLD BUSINESS:
- A. Casino Regulations. Consideration for Public Comments and Final Adoption:
  1. §175-10.1-1830(c) Reports of Violations and of Felony Conviction;
  2. §175-10.1-1855(d)(e) Collection of Gaming Debt; and,
  3. §175-10.1-2555 No Hearing Necessary for Determinations.
- B. Approval of Commission Order 2018-001. Extension of Waiver of Minimum Bankroll Requirements

VI. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Notification of Provisional Casino Key Employee ("CKE") License:
  - Mr. Weng Chao Cheong ("Daniel") - Senior Director for Electronic Gaming Operations.
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- B. Approval of Regular Casino Service Provider 2-Year License:
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- C. Approval of Regular Casino Vendor 2-Year License:
  The Provisional Licenses will all expire on 04/30/18
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VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. Report by the Legal Counsel
- B. Report by the CCC Audit Division
- C. IPI Financial Matters

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

/s/ Juan M. Sablan
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SMILING COVE MARINA QUARTERLY MEETING

This is to inform the public and all Smiling Cove Marina Dock users, that there will be a Quarterly meeting at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow for questions and answers related to the use of the Marina facilities.

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Grotto entrance plan finalized

The Grotto Vehicle Gate and Bollards design plan has been finalized.

The planning process spanned just over four months to ensure compliance with Federal Highway Administration regulations and tourist operator certification, said Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Anthony Benavente.

Concepcion

In November last year, DLNR along with the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and the Marianas Visitors Authority, initiated plans to mitigate tourist impact and improve the management of the Grotto.

"Over the course of the last four months, we've been strengthening our tour operator certification and collecting data from our community. We are very cognizant of the safety concerns that have been raised and are pleased that we will begin construction of the Grotto entrance gate soon," Benavente said. "We are only pending clearance from the Historic Preservation Office so we hope to start construction within two weeks. As we complete the drafting of regulations to mitigate ongoing safety challenges and health concerns faced by the influx of visitors to the Grotto, MVA and our department will prepare the issuance of written guidelines to tour and marine sports operators."

MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion noted that tour operations have improved and operators are more equipped with the laws and history of the Commonwealth.

"The planning process involved many key stakeholders and we are pleased that we are able to strike a balance between safety and environmental concerns. Our tour operator certification program has proved to be successful with the collaboration of the Northern Marianas College and we will be able to sustain this moving forward for other critical tourist sites throughout the Commonwealth," Concepcion said.

Reiterating previous discussions on the environmental impact and concerns about enforcement, BECQ's Eliceo Cabrera said that tourist operator outreach is ongoing and will continue for the majority of tourist sites.

According to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, the finalization of the Grotto gate design is a culmination of collaboration across departments and was comprised of joint enforcement meetings to further finalize rules and regulations governing tour operations, customer conduct, and ticketing.

"With tourism as our major industry, protecting our valuable resources consists of long-term planning. While our intention is to better manage tourist operations and minimize the impact of the use of Grotto, we also want to ensure that the design of the gate minimizes any environmental impact and is compliant with FHA regulations. With this in mind, the signage and fencing that is included in the design will also serve as erosion control in the proposed project site and allow for efficient inspection and thoroughfare," Torres said.

Since March 2, the DLNR has stationed an enforcement officer from the Division of Fish and Wildlife at the Grotto from 8am to 5pm everday to provide assistance to MVA's G4S security and lifeguard. ***(PR)***

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What to make of Kim's offer to talk nukes

Maybe it's President Donald Trump's "fire and fury" threats and coarseness with the leader he calls "Little Rocket Man." Maybe it's the squeeze of international sanctions. Maybe it's both. But after years of brinkmanship and missile tests, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un appears to be signaling willingness to talk to the U.S. about rolling back his nuclear weapons program, and halting missile and nuclear tests while negotiations are ongoing.

South Korean envoys wrapping up a two-day visit with Kim announced the news. If genuine, the development represent a remarkable about-face by the North Korean leader, who within the last year has exploded what was widely believed to be a hydrogen bomb, and has tested intercontinental ballistic missiles meant to have U.S. cities within range—New York, Washington, D.C. and Chicago.

So far, the Trump administration's reaction has been measured. "For the first time in many years, a serious effort is being made by all parties concerned," Trump tweeted Tuesday. "May be false hope but the U.S. is ready to go hard in either direction!"

We share the skepticism. Kim and his predecessors have played this game of freeze and thaw before: Pyongyang dangles the promise of denuclearization, only to renege. North Korea agreed to abandon its nuclear weapons in 2005 during the so-called "six-party talks," then restarted its program three years later. During the Obama administration, Pyongyang in 2012 agreed to halt nuclear testing. Ten months later, ballistic missile testing resumed, followed by another nuclear test.

In all, Pyongyang has carried out three underground nuclear detonations and test launches of more than 40 ballistic missiles since 2014.

So Washington should proceed cautiously, in keeping with U.S. wariness about the rapprochement gelling between North and South Korea. That flirtation flourished during the Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, most notably when athletes from both countries marched together during the opening ceremonies under a unification flag.

Skepticism about North Korea's offer was reflected Tuesday in remarks by Lt. Gen. Robert Ashley Jr., head of the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency, at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing. Ashley said Kim "shows no interest in walking away from his nuclear or his ballistic missile programs. Additional missile launches are a near certainty, and further nuclear tests are possible."

Pyongyang would like nothing more than a scaling back of sanctions as a prelude to talks—but Trump should decline any such demand. The prospect of sanctions removal should be in play only when the world sees an end to North Korea's nuclear program.

The North Korean regime's motives have always been consistent, no matter which member of the Kim family has been at the helm. Stay in power, get the 20,000 American troops deployed in South Korea to leave the Korean peninsula, and ultimately bring South Korea under Pyongyang's rule. That should always inform America's approach to Kim, particularly when he clutches an olive branch.

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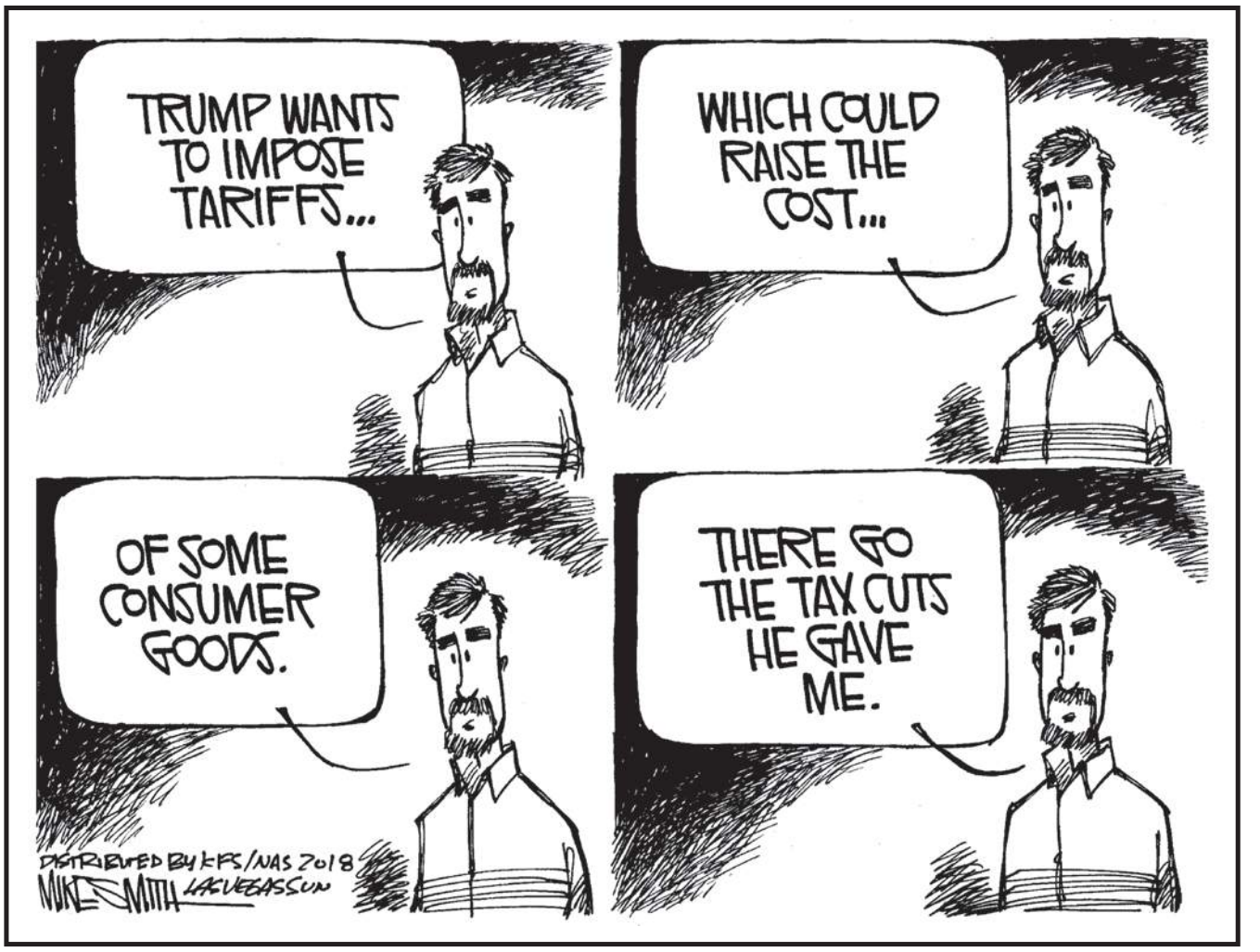
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Tourism and toilets

I recently ran into an old chum from my hometown. We hadn't seen each other in over 30 years. All those years have to go somewhere. For most of us they go into work. With this in mind, I 'm going to reel in the years, stow away the time, and ponder my decades of working in the travel and tourism industries.

Sometimes this work has been full time. Sometimes it's been part time. On occasion it has simmered on a back burner while I stirred other pots.

Anyway, a large chunk of these years were invested on Saipan and neighboring islands.

If you do anything for long enough, you usually realize that the lessons you learn aren't flashy and dramatic, but are, by contrast, pretty much gray and mundane.

For example, when an amateur sees a private jet they'll usually ask how fast it goes; a professional, by contrast, will probably ask about the toilet.

You'd think that a lot has changed in the past few decades, but I don't think the basics of tourism (I'll just lump travel and tourism together here for convenience) have changed at all.

For one thing, tourism is still a people business.

For another thing, it's an industry that is wide open for mom-'n'-pop operations. The notion of the innkeeper, for example, dates back to before biblical times. I had to ask somebody about that historical context, actually, just so I could inject a false note of erudition here. My grasp of history stops at anything that predated the Chevrolet Monza.

Anyway, for those who prefer human contact to the cold glare of computer screens, and for those who have a taste for independent work or for entrepreneurial endeavors, tourism is just as viable now as it was decades ago.

A related point is that tourism can provide some good upward mobility. I've known hotel general managers who started out as minimum-wage employees.

I also knew one guy on Saipan who started off as a minimum-wage foreign worker who swept the hangar floors for an air tour business. He proved to be reliable, friendly, and a quick learner. His employer eventually sent him to school to get his FAA license as an aircraft mechanic (called an "A&P" in the trade for "Airframe and Powerplant" technician). That's a solid credential, with a mean annual wage of $61,190. I know many A&P's who pull down over $80,000. Not a bad career for a guy who started out by pushing a broom.

Meanwhile, I've talked with a number of managers who lament the fact they can't find employees who can sustain basic verbal interactions with customers. Apparently, being able to deal with actual people, instead of virtual ones, is an ever-rarer skill.

Employment markets, alas, are never very efficient or transparent. So, no matter how good you are with people, it can take a lot of time, effort, and even job-hopping to find a suitable gig in tourism. Fortunately, the field is as wide as the world is. There's no shortage of places to try out.

And a fresh crop of talent is finding its way into those places, be they well-known or obscure, hot or cold, orderly or chaotic. Some of my friends have kids who are going to be the first generation in their recent family histories not to go to college. They are striking out for new horizons and a hands-on interaction with reality. Green pastures carry an energy that grayed ivy does not.

But even green can have gray linings. It is, unfortunately, just the nature of the industry that it does attract its share of chiselers and scoundrels, as will any industry that feeds off of itinerant clients. Fortunately, the bad element generally has a self-limiting ecosystem. If you steer clear of the slime and stick to better circles, you can enjoy the company of a lot of great people.

I've seen economies zig and zag, various destinations rise and fall, and hemlines go up and down, but I've never seen tourism lack opportunities. While Saipan often bemoans its fate in tropical paradise, I don't forget that bustling Las Vegas was carved out of a barren desert.

Noting that tourism offers opportunities, however, is not the same as saying it throws off easy money. Furthermore, chasing opportunity often means packing a bag and moving to some distant corner of the world where there's no guarantee that things will work out. Fortune favors the bold, as the saying goes.

Although I've seen many good livings earned in tourism, I'll have to admit that I haven't seen a lot of actual fortunes come from it. But I have seen a few. Maybe a *Saipan Tribune* reader will be the next one. In that case, you'll be wanting to buy a private jet.

When that day comes, you can join the true elite: The people who know what "belted potty" means.

By ED STEPHENS
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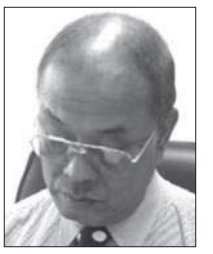

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Has the NMI lost its attraction as a stable investment venue? Isn't this our economic ace in the hole? Whatever may be your answer, how do you assess the obscure though steady investment contraction crumbling quietly downstairs?

Have we done anything responsibly to address the IPI Bloomberg mess, fines leveled against employers to the tune of $13.9 million, and serious oversight issues raised in the recent Murkowski U.S. Senate hearing?

Is the apparent local despondence the triggering mechanism eroding lasting investments in the NMI?

Reiterating: Didn't the Murkowski U.S. Senate hearing score the NMI for violation of laws, money laundering, and predatory hiring practices? Did the Bloomberg spill do us any good about collusion in paradise? Isn't it another black eye when the U.S. Labor fined four companies here some $13.9 million for failing employees?

The huge fine of $13.9 million hit four companies here involved in building the Best Sunshine hotel—reportedly an aspect of wider investigation—had investors quizzing what led to these fines. The huge sum doesn't bode well strengthening the NMI as an investment venue. Is IPI really innocent of labor violations?

While we may temporarily rely on tourism as our holy grail, even this sector's survival is highly suspect, given impending contraction of events beyond our control. Did you ever peek into this issue to assess resetting buttons?

The latest assault is the possible termination of the parole program for Russia and China. The two markets alone comprise 40 percent of the tourism industry here. Troubling what could simply pop out of the Trump administration.

Then Delta Air Lines, basically the regional airline of the islands, is slated to leave in May this year, completely shutting off travel between Japan and the NMI. It would translate into far less Nippon visitors too! You pile this loss and the percentage of total drop in tourism increases!

This was preceded by the exit of Nippon investments to the tune of about $5 billion to $7 billion in recent past. Now we're panting for air in the deep blue to hold on to our last paddle while our sail is uselessly shredded.

Fiscal posture: Intuitively, it's hard ignoring the more than $1.6 billion cumulative deficit of the NMI. As a fiscal conservative, the loose attitude on fiscal responsibility spells trouble ahead.

We may be making headway in revenue generation, but is it a steady and sturdy foundation to carry us through stormy rainy days ahead?

The cumulative debt places a heavy burden on taxpayers on a per capita basis. In brief, while we collect $1, we still owe $1.55!

The obvious lack of fiscal responsibility or leadership triggers this fear among those who've seen the hardship of austerity measures families had to endure in recent past. We have every right to keep the boys adhering to some sense of fiscal responsibility.

If we don't rein it in we would be saddling our children with tons of debts even before they begin their first day at work after high school or college.

Lawmakers: It is comically humiliating when astute legislators miss their bus ride while standing at the station. Are they into scholarly discussion of sort ignoring the departure of the last bus out of town? Or was it another bubble session?

Obviously, Da Boysis aren't necessarily conversant with the concept of "supremacy of laws" inherent in the Agreement. It simply says the Constitution, treaties and laws of the U.S. applicable here are the supreme laws of the NMI, per U.S.P.L. 94-241.

Section 902 addresses the appointment of special representatives to work on refinement of relationship between the NMI and U.S. This is done very 10 years that includes representatives from both sides of the Pacific. Therefore, the creation of the new political status commission doesn't have any legal standing other than to soothe bloated ego.

Section 101 says it all: surrender of sovereignty. It is vital that you read the Agreement to see and understand what it says, not what you think it says that it didn't say. You need to read up too on the concept of supremacy of laws to put some meaningful and purposeful perspective on your adolescent crafting of laws!

Recalled Candido Taman advancing what he's coined as "guarded sovereignty" of the NMI on Isla 63 on Guam. No such creature, pal. Again, Section 101 renders such lame view baseless and "surrender" doesn't even require initial apprehension. Since 1975, the NMI became a subserviency of the U.S.!

Refinement: People speak of "dissatisfaction" and the desire to work on "refinement" of relations. What is it that you wish to see refined? Do you wish to end the food stamps program, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, housing assistance and all federal grants for CHC, PSS, DPS and other agencies? Do you have sufficient financial capability to back-up these programs now funded by our national government?

If you wish to push for an entirely different status, did you review Section 101 to see if it permits an adolescent agenda? Is this potshot desire backed by a public mandate? In other words, have you educated our people about your dreamed-up option and has a plebiscite been taken to secure their voice?

Per the Murkowski U.S. Senate committee hearing, we were direly negligent of "oversight issues" or matters ignored that are vital to fostering strong governance. Obviously there's a lot of room to rein in maturity, right? Is your dissatisfaction one of humiliation for being reminded to grow up so you begin fostering measures that would pave the pathway to strong governance?

White House 'Dump' Malice

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Inspiration from a poem *Jade Flower Palace* by Chinese Tang Dynasty poet Tu Fu (712 - 770

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A majority of the nation is disgusted
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Protests are held across the nation in city after city.
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KIM'S

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It's been 64 years since the Korean War ended in a stalemate, dividing the peninsula into communist North and democratic South. The specter of conflict has loomed over the region ever since. The world would gleefully welcome a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula. But it also is all too aware of Pyongyang's promises of the past, and the hollowness of those promises.

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What our schools really need

By DR. JOHN H. JACKSON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

A few months before the tragic shooting of 17 students and educators at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., the young gunman attended his mother's funeral and was asked if he was upset. His response provides insight into the road that disconnected him from his humanity: "I'm just upset that no one cared to show up." We need no clearer evidence that hurt people are more likely to hurt people.

For educators, that carries an important message: You can't reach a child who doesn't think you care. Self-actualization through education is, on psychologist Abraham Maslow's famous hierarchy, a higher-order need. It is virtually impossible to improve learning outcomes without supports that address students' more basic needs, including their sense of being loved and belonging.

Our public schools and educators, who teach more than 90 percent of America's children, are charged with teaching students who are stable as well as those in pain. Fortunately, most students don't exhibit their pain in the way the gunman did, but educators everywhere know there are too few resources and supports to address their students' needs.

Rather than provide the resources needed to close this gap, President Donald Trump and others have been calling for "hardening" our schools. But more guns, police officers and metal detectors in learning spaces is the antithesis of what we need to create a healthier living and learning climate.

Research from Johns Hopkins University shows that nearly 50 percent of school-going children have been exposed to traumatic events, ranging from physical or sexual abuse to living in chronically chaotic environments. These cause mental and physical health challenges and make students more likely to display negative behaviors or do poorly in school. If these children do not get adequate support, they are prone to negative health indicators including drug abuse, obesity, heart disease and cancer.

For policy to truly address gun violence, it must create loving systems where children and families get the supports they need. Otherwise we'll continue a culture of violence and hatred.

The Schott Foundation for Public Education, which I lead, recently released the Loving City Index, an analysis of the availability of cross-sector supports needed for all students to have an opportunity to learn. In the 10 cities highlighted in the report, the highest level of supports offered was 53 percent. On average, cities only provided 42 percent of the vitally necessary supports.

Even though we are in the midst of a nationwide tragedy, we are witnessing hope and inspiration which can lead to meaningful change. We applaud the Parkland students who marched to Tallahassee and on to Washington, D.C., to advocate for action, declaring #Enough. We also applaud the youth and parent advocates in cities like Chicago, Philadelphia and Baltimore who have been pushing for healthy living and learning communities for their children and families.

Applaud, yes. Send your prayers to the families who have been impacted in Florida, definitely. But the moment demands more—we should all stand up to proclaim #Enough.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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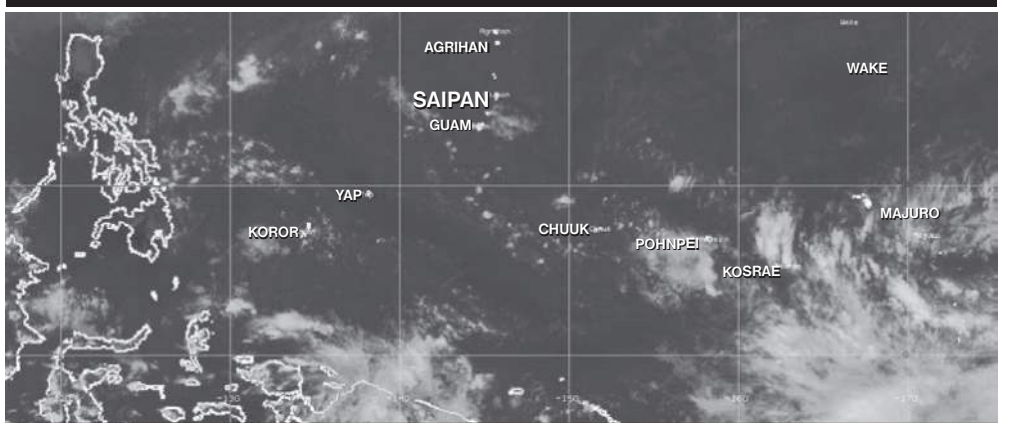

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak surface trough will slowly dissipate as it tracks westward toward and over the Marianas during the next couple of days. Meanwhile, a cold front over the far northwest Pacific will track southeastward toward the area, stalling out just northwest of the far northern Marianas this weekend. A weak pressure pattern will prevail through Saturday, keeping gentle trade winds in place across the area. As the surface trough washes out late in the weekend, a new surface high will build to the north of the area. This will allow the trades to pick up out of the northeast Sunday and Monday, reaching moderate to locally breezy levels Tuesday and Wednesday as the trades become more easterly. As for sensible weather details, a dry pattern will persist over the Marianas through the weekend. We could see a slight uptick in shower activity Friday night into early Saturday as the weak and dissipating surface trough moves through the area, but overall showers should remain few and far between today through the weekend. Remnant moisture associated with the stalled out or dissipated front will then track southward through the far northern Marianas early next week, but both the GFS and ECMWF keep the brunt of the shower activity to the north of Saipan. The models then show increasing moisture getting caught up within the trade wind flow by the middle of the week, and this should lead to an increase in shower activity over Guam, Rota, Tinian and Saipan.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	86° / 76°
Palau	Thunderstorm	85° / 77°
Yap	Showers	85° / 77°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	82° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	82° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	84° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Sunny	59° / 28°
Beijing	Sunny	46° / 21°
Hong Kong	Sunny	68° / 61°
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	76° / 69°
London	Showers	52° / 45°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	71° / 50°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	88° / 75°
Melbourne	Sunny	91° / 63°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	70° / 63°
New York	Snow Shower	41° / 31°
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	46° / 36°
Paris	Showers	48° / 39°
Busan	Sunny	52° / 36°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	61° / 48°
Salem	Sunny	62° / 40°
San Francisco	Showers	57° / 47°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	48° / 25°
Tokyo	Showers	52° / 39°
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	46° / 30°

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6:58 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.06
12:15 PM	LOW TIDE	1.64
7:55 PM	HIGH TIDE	0.28

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:29 AM	6:26 PM
Saturday	6:28 AM	6:26 PM
Sunday	6:27 AM	6:26 PM
Monday	6:27 AM	6:26 PM
Tuesday	6:25 AM	6:26 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:00 am	11:42 pm	-
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Japanese Consulate organizes sake tasting

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REPORTER

The Japanese consul to the CNMI is inviting private business owners and public officials to their first-ever sake wine tasting event next week.

Kinji Shinoda, the Japanese Consul to the CNMI, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he invited about 160 participants to the two-day sake wine tasting event on March 14 and March 15 at the Japanese Consulate.

He noted that, while the event is only on an invitation-basis, the Japanese Consulate on Saipan would coordinate with the Marianas Visitors Authority to make it an annual mainstay at the Taste of the Marianas Festival this May.

The sake wine-tasting event would feature prized sake from seven of the 47 prefectures of Japan. The wine tasting event, which in Japan is usually hosted per company, is a "rare occasion" due to the many brands that will be offered next week.

He noted that in Japan alone, there are about 20,000 sake brands and about 1,730 sake breweries. While the CNMI has sake available on island, the selection is too limited, Shinoda said.

"The competition in Japan is very hard. The event would showcase very high quality and authentic sake, which is a very rare case for CNMI residents," he said. He added that he also invited business owners to the taste test to instill interest in the product for the possibility of new business ventures.

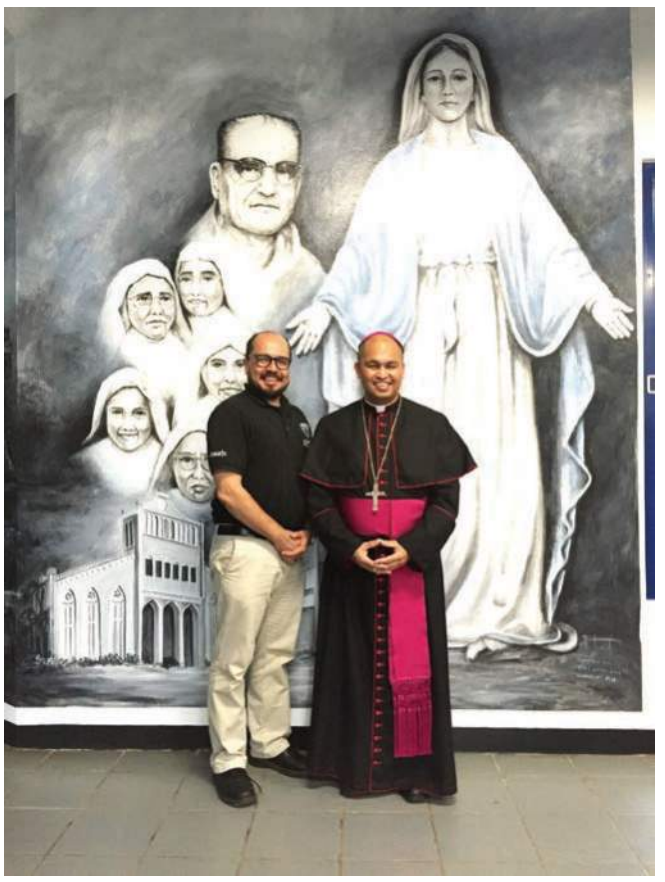
The wine-tasting next week would showcase 12 sake from the Japanese prefectures of Yamagata, Iwate, Hyogo, Kumamoto, Oita, Mie, and Yamanashi.

The Yamanashi prefecture is known for its high-quality grapes, bagging five of the 12 slots for the sake wine-tasting.

Most of the sake for tasting have received awards, including Dewazakura Dewanosato's Junmai sake from the Yamagata Prefecture, which was awarded the gold medal at the 2016 International Wine Challenge

Also highlighted wines include Daiginjo Sansui's Daiginjo sake from the Oita Prefecture, which is the 2016 International Wine Challenge silver medalist for the Daiginjo category; L'ORIENT Le Mont Rose NV's rose wine from the Yamanashi Prefecture, which got the silver medal for its category at the Japan Wine Competition 2017; and many more.

MCS upgrades online enrollment



Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez, right, who is the "corporate sole" of Mount Carmel School Inc., meets with school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero in front of the school's mural honoring the founders of the school, Fr. Arnold Bendowski and the sisters of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz. MCS

Mount Carmel School is now accepting enrollment applications for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, which can be completed online with an upgraded admissions site.

New and returning parents may visit the school's website at www.mountcarmelsaipan.com to access the new admissions module.

Mount Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero hailed the new online system. "This new admissions site will make it easier for returning parents to re-enroll their children because they will not need to re-enter information already there."

The school also announced the continuation of incentives that were offered this past 2018-2019 school year. The first incentive is an early bird registration fee. Normally $400 per child, parents who pay the registration fee by May 1 will get a 50-percent discount on the fee, at only $200 per child.

The school will also continue family discounts for families that enroll more than one child. Families with two children can avail of a $600 discount for the second child, families with three children can avail of a $1,000 discount for the third child, and families with four children can avail of a $1,500 discount for the fourth child.

In addition, the school will once again offer up to $750 per student in scholarships and financial aid for qualified students. Scholarship and financial aid application forms will be available on May 31.

To learn more about enrolling at MCS for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, call 234-6184 or visit www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. ***(PR)***

5.1-magnitude quake near Pagan

A 5.1-magnitude earthquake occurred near Pagan Wednesday night, but no one was reported injured and there were no reports of damage to property.

According to the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, the earthquake happened 19 miles southwest of Pagan at 8:58pm.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center did not issue tsunami warnings or advisories.

Many residents on Saipan did not feel the temblor.

Last Feb. 28, a 4.4-magnitude earthquake occurred near Agrihan.

Five earthquakes recently occurred near Rota and Saipan in a week.

U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Aaron G. Wech earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that the series of earthquakes are normal and expected in tectonic settings like the CNMI. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Business

EU ready for a 'stupid' trade war if Trump slaps on tariffs

BRUSSELS (AP)—The European Union says it's ready to retaliate against the U.S. over President Donald Trump's proposed tariffs on steel and aluminum—with countermeasures against iconic U.S. products like Harley Davidson motorcycles, Levi's jeans and bourbon.

The EU threat and Trump's insistence that the tariffs will go ahead escalate the risk of a trade war, in which countries try to punish each other by increasing taxes on traded goods. In the end, that tends to hurt all sides as exporting producers suffer but so do consumers who face higher costs, experts say.

There was some hope that free trade proponents in the White House, like economic adviser Gary Cohn, would dissuade Trump from going ahead with the tariffs. But Cohn's resignation Tuesday dealt a blow to that expectation.

EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstroem said Wednesday that the EU is circulating among member states a list of U.S. goods to target with tariffs so that it can respond as quickly as possible.

The list so far includes U.S. steel and agricultural products, as well as other products like bourbon, peanut butter, cranberries and orange juice.

She did not say what level of tariffs the EU would set, leaving it unclear what the economic impact would be.

"This is basically a stupid process, the fact that we have to do this. But we have to do it," EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker had said Friday. "We can also do stupid."

The EU considers itself to be caught in the crossfire of this particular trade dispute, in which Trump has mainly singled out China for being unfair in its commercial deals.

Trump last week said his government would levy penalties of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on aluminum imports, but did not say whether traditional allies like the EU and Canada would be exempt. On Wednesday, Cabinet members suggested Canada and Mexico might escape and that the announcement was due at the end of this week.

Once Trump officially announces the tariffs, they would start almost immediately, experts say.

So the EU has moved ahead with preparations for the worst.

Malmstroem said that the EU, the world's biggest trading bloc, rejects Trump's reasoning that the tariffs are backed by the international legal right to protect national security.

"We cannot see how the European Union, friends and allies in NATO, can be a threat to international security in the U.S.," Malmstroem told reporters. "From what we understand, the motivation of the U.S. is an economic safeguard measure in disguise, not a national security measure."

The EU itself already has tariffs on many imports. But Malmstroem said Trump's motives in this case do not appear compatible with World Trade Organization rules and that this means the EU can activate safeguards to protect its own markets.

The WTO said Wednesday that, so far, 18 members—including China, Australia, Brazil, the EU, India, Japan, Norway and Russia—have expressed concerns about Trump's proposed tariffs.

At the origin of the problem is overproduction by China, which has flooded world markets with steel and aluminum, driving prices down and intensifying pressure on producers in the U.S. and Europe. Nearly half the steel produced globally in December, for example, came from Chinese mills, according to the World Steel Association. China accounted for more steel production than the United States, Russia, Japan and 28 countries of the EU combined.

But the U.S. has already thrown up barriers to Chinese imports. As a result, China ranks only 11th in steel and fourth in aluminum imports to the United States. Trump's tariffs appear far more likely to hurt a staunch ally, Canada, which is No. 1 in both supplies of steel and aluminum to the U.S.

Chad Bow, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, estimates that Trump's tariffs would cost Canada $3.2 billion a year and the EU $2.6 billion. By contrast, they would cost China only $689 million.

Mexico, Canada and others may be exempted from US tariffs

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House said Wednesday that Mexico, Canada and other countries may be spared from President Donald Trump's planned steel and aluminum tariffs under national security "carve-outs," a move that could soften the blow amid threats of retaliation by trading partners and dire economic warnings from lawmakers and business groups.

Peter Navarro, Trump's trade and manufacturing adviser, said in an interview on Fox Business that the tariffs would go into effect within about 15 to 30 days and the proclamation the president intends to sign would include a clause that would not immediately impose tariffs on Canada and Mexico.

Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters the exemptions would be made on a "case by case" and "country by country" basis, a reversal from the policy articulated by the White House just days ago that there would be no exemptions from Trump's plan.

The update came as congressional Republicans and business groups braced for the impact of expected tariffs of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on aluminum, appearing resigned to additional protectionist trade actions as Trump signaled upcoming economic battles with China. Trump was expected to announce the tariffs by the end of the week.

The looming departure of White House economic adviser Gary Cohn, a former Goldman Sachs executive who has opposed the promised tariffs, set off anxiety among business leaders and investors worried about a potential trade war.

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AMENDED
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR
AIRPORT GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (AGIS) SURVEY SERVICES
BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-001-18 (AIP Pending)

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Airports Geographical Information Systems (AGIS) Services for the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and CPA. This service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package.

Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant/Project Manager, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, March 16, 2018, 5:00 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Capability to perform all or most aspects of the services with a minimum of three (3) years' experience with AGIS and Airport Improvement Programs. **(WEIGHT 30)**
2. Ability to implement an AGIS Obstruction Survey and Airport Airspace Analysis. **(WEIGHT 20)**
3. Key personnel's professional background and successful relevant experience in AGIS projects comparable to the proposed services. **(WEIGHT 20)**
4. Demonstrated ability to meet AGIS standards, NGS requirements, and Airport Master Plan standards. **(WEIGHT 10)**
5. Ability to complete services within schedule without having major extensions, cost escalations, overruns, or disputed claims; **(WEIGHT 10)**
6. Quality of projects previously undertaken that are comparable to proposed services. **(WEIGHT 10)**

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf format of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00 p.m., MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: March 1, 2018

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-18-015

LEASE OF OFFICE/WAREHOUSE SPACE FOR CUC POWER DIVISION TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION SECTION, SAIPAN CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office & warehouse spaces for CUC Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposed office space may be situated within or adjacent to the warehouse. The office & warehouse must have a loading dock and parking stalls that can accommodate over-sized heavy equipment (e. g. bucket trucks, augers and backhoes). Additionally, the proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-18-015, Lease of Office/Warehouse Space for CUC Power Division Transmission and Distribution Section, Saipan, CNMI"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **April 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. Proponents shall comply to all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 28, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC, Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Lee Lieto, CUC, Acting Power Division Manager via email address lee.lieto@cucgov.org, Adrian Reyes, CUC, Power Division Engineer via email address adrian.reyes@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Nation

Gun legislation passes FL House, goes to governor

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—The Florida House passed a school safety bill Wednesday that includes new restrictions on rifle sales and a program to arm some teachers, sending the measure to the governor for his signature.

The vote of 67-50 reflected a mix of Republicans and Democrats in support and opposition. The measure, a response to the shootings at a Parkland high school that left 17 dead, is supported by the victims' families.

Andrew Pollack, who lost his 18-year-old daughter Meadow in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, and Ryan Petty, who lost his 14-year-old daughter Alaina, said there was enough good in the bill that it should pass.

"More needs to be done, and it's important for the country to be united in the same way the 17 families united in support of this bill," Pollack said after the vote. "My precious daughter Meadow's life was taken, and there's nothing I can do to change that, but make no mistake, I'm a father and I'm on a mission. I'm on a mission to make sure I'm the last dad to ever read a statement of this kind."

Democratic Rep. Jared Moskowitz, a former Parkland city commissioner, ended the eight hours of debate with an emotional account of seeing the high school after the shooting, attending victims' funerals and working with students and families while the House was forming the legislation. He broke down in tears after talking about how his 4-year-old son's writing teacher lost her daughter in the attack.

"You don't need to stand with me. I don't need you to stand with me. I need you to stand with the families," Moskowitz said.

Democratic Rep. Kristin Jacobs said she did not like the idea of arming teachers, but she voted yes. Republican Rep. Jay Fant said raising the minimum age to buy a rifle from 18 to 21 was unconstitutional, and he voted no.

"There is a cultural divide in this room, in this state and across the country. And there's a bill before us that is not perfect," said Jacobs, whose district includes Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

The bill would raise the minimum age to buy rifles from 18 to 21 and create a waiting period on sales of the weapons. It would also create a so-called guardian program that would let school employees and many teachers carry handguns if they go through law enforcement training and if the school district decides to participate in the program.

Jeff Sessions, California governor clash as feud escalates

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions dramatically escalated the Trump administration's war with California on Wednesday, suing over its so-called sanctuary state law and clashing with Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown in a fiery exchange of words.

Sessions was defiant as he spoke to local law enforcement officials about the lawsuit, citing a series of California laws that he says are unconstitutional and violate common sense.

"I can't sit by idly while the lawful authority of federal officers are being blocked by legislative acts and politicians," he said, straying from his prepared remarks.

Brown didn't hold back in his response, calling Sessions a liar and saying it was unprecedented for the attorney general to "act more like Fox News than a law enforcement officer." He accused Sessions of "going to war" with California to appease President Donald Trump.

"What Jeff Sessions said is simply not true and I call upon him to apologize to the people of California for bringing the mendacity of Washington to California," the governor told reporters.

The lawsuit is the latest salvo in an escalating feud between the Trump administration and California, which has resisted the president on issues from marijuana policy to climate change and defiantly refuses to help federal agents detain and deport immigrants. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has said it will increase its presence in California, and Sessions wants to cut off funding to jurisdictions that won't cooperate.

The governor and state Attorney General Xavier Becerra, who has sued the Trump administration numerous times, held a news conference just blocks from where Sessions spoke at a hotel, but they never interacted.

Sessions also used his speech to sharply criticize Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf for warning the public about an unannounced raid by federal deportation officers recently in California. Sessions said it allowed hundreds of "wanted criminals" to avoid arrest.

"How dare you?" Sessions said of Schaaf at a California Peace Officers Association meeting in Sacramento. "How dare you needlessly endanger the lives of law enforcement just to promote your radical open borders agenda?"

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program is in the process of preparing for submission, its FY 2019-2021 State Plan. In order to address the needs of the community related to child care services, we will be holding Listening Sessions scheduled for the following venues, dates and time:

Kagman Community Center (KCC)	**March 16, 2018**	**6:00p.m.**
Garapan Carolinian Utt	**March 27, 2018**	**6:00p.m.**
Garapan Central Park	**March 29, 2018**	**6:00p.m.**
Multi Purpose Hall	**April 17, 2018**	**6:00p.m.**
San Antonio Basketball Court	**April 19, 2018**	**6:00p.m**
Tanapag Youth Center	**April 30, 2018**	**6:00p.m.**
Tinian Venue: TBD	**May 8, 2018**	**6:00p.m.**
Rota Venue: TBD	**May 10, 2018**	**6:00p.m.**

Please join us and let us hear your comments, suggestions, and recommendations to improve child care in our community.

/s/ Robert H. Hunter
DCCA Secretary

/s/ Maribel S. D. Loste
CCDF Program Administrator

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-18-IFB-012

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A FRONT MOWER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Supply and Delivery of a Front Mower to the Department of Public Works**, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **February 23, 2018** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Fifty Dollars ($50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a P**re-bid Conference** for this project on **March 13, 2018, 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **March 20, 2018** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-18-IFB-012"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **9:00 a.m. local time March 26, 2018**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **9:00 a.m. local time, March 26, 2018**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **March 26, 2018** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **April 4, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **April 9, 2018**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on March 26, 2018**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.
Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Two Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Asia

S. Korea leader sees more obstacles ahead to disarm N. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's president said Thursday that many "critical moments" still lie ahead to end the nuclear crisis despite North Korea's recent outreach to Seoul and Washington.

Moon Jae-in spoke before two senior Seoul officials left for the United States to brief officials about the outcome of their recent visit to North Korea.

The Seoul officials said North Korea offered talks with the United States over normalizing ties and denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Seoul said the North also agreed to suspend nuclear and missile tests during such future talks.

Some experts question how sincere North Korea is about its reported offers, citing what they call its track record of using past disarmament talks to wrest aid and concessions while covertly continuing its bomb program.

Moon

According to the South Korean officials, North Korea said it has no reason to possess nuclear weapons as long as military threats against the country are removed and its security is guaranteed. That's the same positon North Korea has long maintained to justify its nuclear program or call for the withdrawal of 28,500 U.S. troops and a halt to annual U.S.-South Korean military drills as a condition for scrapping its nuclear program. The North sees the allies' drills as an invasion rehearsal.

"We've overcome one critical moment. But there are many critical moments that we still have to go through before reaching the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and a permanent peace," Moon said in a meeting with church leaders.

Moon still described the outcome of his envoys' North Korea trip "a big step toward denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" that was possible with "a strong support" by the U.S. government.

It's unclear whether the United States would accept the North's reported offer for talks. President Donald Trump expressed both hope and skepticism, calling the North's move "possible progress" that also "may be false hope."

Seoul and Washington plan to kick off their delayed springtime drills next month, and how sensitively the North reacts will affect the reconciliation mood revived by the North's participation in last month's Winter Olympics held in the South. The North responded to past joint drills by the allies with its own weapons tests and fiery rhetoric.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
NMC IFB 18-006

PARKING LOT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Northern Marianas College (The College) is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of Parking Lot Drainage Improvement Project for the As Terlaje, Saipan Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday, March 12, 2018, between the hours of 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Bid Submissions are due no later than 10:00 a.m., April 13, 2018, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is available to local businesses for this procurement.

For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: May request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The College reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement & Property Manager

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Regular General Membership Meeting

When: Saturday, March 10, 2018
Time: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Herman's Modern Bakery Conference Room

Agenda

1. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
2. Review and Adoption of Agenda
3. Review and Adoption of Minutes
   a. Special Meeting 02/24/2018
4. Public Comments (5 Minutes per Commenter)
5. Old Business
   a. Update Public Comments on State Plan Modifications
   b. Update Public Comments on Policy Manual
6. New Business
   a. Proposed Transfer of Funds
   b. Proposed Board Training
7. Executive Session
8. Next Meeting
9. Adjournment

Approved by:
/s/
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Chair, SWDB

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
NMC IFB 18-007

Construction of an Agricultural Equipment Facility for the NMC-CREES Research Station, Tinian

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the construction of a "Agricultural Equipment Facility" for CREES Station, Tinian.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing FRIDAY, March 2nd, 2018 between the hours of 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

For Bidder located outside of the CNMI may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., March 22, 2018, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. You may request a copy of the NMC IFB 18-007 packet via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

Paid for by 100% Federal Funds through the USDA-NIFA authorized under the Hatch Act, as amended August 11, 1955, award # 2017-31100 (Regular).

In accordance with Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
NMC IFB 18-005

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NEW DISTANCE LEARNING NETWORK AND TELEMEDICINE EQUIPMENT

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement and delivery of SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NEW DISTANCE LEARNING NETWORK AND TELEMEDICINE EQUIPMENT.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing FRIDAY, MARCH 02, 2018 between the hours of 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

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Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., APRIL 02, 2018, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. You may request a copy of the NMC IFB 18-003 packet via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

Paid for in part by Federal Funds through the USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program.

In accordance with Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

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ASIAN BRIEFS

PH chief justice asks people to fight authoritarianism

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines' embattled Supreme Court chief justice urged Filipinos on Wednesday to stand up against authoritarianism and threats to human rights, in an indirect criticism of the country's volatile leader, who has long called for her removal. Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno is facing two ouster attempts, including by President Rodrigo Duterte's administration, whose legal counsel asked the Supreme Court to expel her for allegedly not declaring her assets in the past, making her ineligible to be the country's judicial leader. The justice committee of the House of Representatives, which is dominated by Duterte's allies, is expected to vote Thursday to uphold an impeachment case against Sereno, who has gone on indefinite leave. Thirteen justices of the 15-member court have backed Sereno's leave amid the strife lashing the judiciary. "The current state of the nation is one where perceived enemies of the dominant order are considered fair game for harassment, intimidation and persecution, where shortcuts are preferred over adherence to constitutional guarantees of human rights," Sereno said in a speech at a Manila college.

Pakistan OKs India's proposals on Kashmir detainee exchanges

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan has approved India's proposals for exchanges of civilian detainees, the foreign ministry said Wednesday, a statement believed to also cover some of those held over the Kashmir conflict. Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif said he hopes such initiatives would help Pakistan and India make efforts to de-escalate the situation in the disputed Himalayan region. India proposed the exchanges on "humanitarian grounds" would include women, mentally ill or disabled people, and the elderly held by either side. The ministry said Pakistan approved India's proposals and in turn, proposed that the exchanges be extended to include those under 18 and over 60 years of age. It did not specify whether all the detainees are from Kashmir, but foreign ministry's spokesman, Mohammad Faisal, told The Associated Press the exchanges would be much broader than the Kashmir conflict and include all those held by either side that fall within the category of "humanitarian grounds."

Tibet groups report latest self-immolation of man in protest

BEIJING (AP)—A man set himself on fire and died in western China's Sichuan province in the first self-immolation protest among Tibetans this year, monitoring groups reported Thursday. Tsekho Tugchak, reportedly in his 40s, died in Ngaba county on Wednesday amid intensified security in the restive region ahead of the anniversary of a 2008 anti-China riot and 1959 independence uprising, the International Campaign for Tibet said. ICT said his death was the 153rd self-immolation by a Tibetan since the protests began in 2009. The Free Tibet Campaign and U.S.-backed Radio Free Asia also reported the death, saying it took place in Ngaba's Meruma township. The self-immolations by Tibetans monks, nuns and laypeople aim to highlight harsh Chinese rule and the oppression of Tibet's Buddhist culture, as well as appeal for the return of exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

World

Reports: Syrian troops split rebel-held enclave near capital

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian government forces seized vast swaths of territory including farmland in the opposition-held suburbs of Damascus on Wednesday, effectively dividing the besieged enclave in two and further squeezing rebels and tens of thousands of civilians trapped inside, state media and a war monitor reported.

The government, determined to wrest the eastern Ghouta suburbs from the control of rebels after seven years of war, has resorted to extreme levels of shelling and bombardment to clear the way for its troops to advance on the ground. Hundreds have been killed in the past two weeks, including dozens reported Wednesday.

Doctors and residents reported intense shelling and cases of suffocation and difficulty breathing, accusing the government of using chlorine gas Wednesday night. Hamza Hassan, a surgeon working at one of the hospitals in eastern Ghouta, said that staff was overwhelmed with chlorine odor and that he had treated 29 children with difficulties breathing.

Such reports, which have been recurrent in the past weeks, could not be independently confirmed. The government has repeatedly denied using chlorine gas.

Earlier on Wednesday, the state-affiliated al-Ikhbariya TV station broadcast live shots from the region, showing dense columns of smoke rising above the town as explosions and rockets could be heard flying overhead. Syria's Central Military Media said troops took control of the town of Beit Sawa and most of Misraba, both rebel-held communities in the heart of the enclave.

This photo released by the Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, shows a member of the Syrian Civil Defense group helping a man who was wounded after airstrikes and shelling hit in Ghouta, a suburb of Damascus, Syria, Wednesday, March. 7, 2018. AP

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said that by nightfall, Syrian government troops and allied militias had seized half of the territory held by rebels in eastern Ghouta and split the enclave in two halves—a north and southern part.

By slicing the territory, the Syrian government succeeds in further squeezing rebels, making it more difficult for them to continue to hang on to the territory.

Dramatic videos released by the opposition's Syrian Civil Defense on Wednesday showed rescuers digging away hard-packed rubble to rescue a dust-covered little boy and a baby girl in the town of Arbeen. The Britain-based Observatory, which monitors the war through a network of activists on the ground, said more than 50 people were killed in the bombardment Wednesday.

In Geneva, U.N. human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein denounced what he said were attempts by Syria's government to justify indiscriminate, brutal attacks on hundreds of thousands of civilians by the need to combat a few hundred fighters in eastern Ghouta, calling it "legally and morally unsustainable."

"When you are prepared to kill your own people, lying is easy too. Claims by the government of Syria that it is taking every measure to protect its civilian population are frankly ridiculous," he said.

Civilians are not safe anywhere in eastern Ghouta, and aid workers who entered briefly on Monday said some residents hadn't seen sunlight for two weeks because they were sheltering underground.

At least 800 civilians have been killed since the offensive started Feb. 18, according to the Syrian Observatory of Human Rights monitoring group. Russia's military by its own admission is playing a key role supporting the assault.

Russia's military announced Monday it was offering safe passage for rebels and their families out of eastern Ghouta, where some 400,000 people have been trapped under a relentless government campaign of shelling and airstrikes.

Rebel spokesman Wael Olwan dismissed the offer on Tuesday, saying it was "psychological warfare."

Olwan said Wednesday that rebels had plugged their defensive lines after they crumbled in the early days of the assault.

The opposition generally rejects evacuation agreements, saying they amount to demographic engineering—a tactic through which the government forcibly displaces its opponents.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has urged all parties to abide by a 30-day cease-fire ordered by the Security Council on Feb. 24 to allow humanitarian aid to reach civilians in desperate need. A rare humanitarian aid convoy made it to eastern Ghouta on Monday but was forced to cut short its mission amid severe bombardment by the government. It was not clear whether another convoy, planned for Thursday, would go through. Aid agencies said they were negotiating security guarantees ahead of the mission.

The Security Council was expected to meet Wednesday to address the stillborn cease-fire.

Meanwhile, Turkey called on the United States to prevent U.S.-backed Kurdish forces from sending fighters deployed against the Islamic State group to shore up Kurdish forces battling a Turkish offensive in an enclave in northwest Syria.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's spokesman said Turkey wants the United States to "step in and prevent" the redeployment.

A spokesman for Arab militias within the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces said Tuesday that as many as 1,700 fighters would be redeployed.

Turkey sent troops into the Afrin enclave on Jan. 20 to drive out Syrian Kurdish fighters it considers to be terrorists.

U.S. officials have warned that Turkey's offensive could undermine the fight against the IS.

Erdogan spokesman Ibrahim Kalin rejected that, saying the aim was to clear Syria of all terror groups.

UK police: Russian ex-spy was attacked with nerve agent

LONDON (AP)—A Russian ex-spy and his daughter fighting for their lives in an English hospital were attacked with a nerve agent in a targeted murder attempt, British police said Wednesday.

The case has further strained relations between Russia and Britain, which has said it will respond strongly if the Russian government is linked to the attack. It has overtones of a 2006 fatal attack on a former Russian spy that was blamed on the Kremlin.

In that incident, a radioactive poison was used. The choice of a nerve agent in the latest case follows the use of the banned nerve agent VX to kill the estranged half-brother of North Korea's leader last year.

Sergei Skripal, 66, and his 33-year-old daughter Yulia were found unconscious on a bench in the southwestern English city of Salisbury on Sunday, triggering a police investigation led by counter-terrorism detectives. Baffled police initially said the pair had come into contact with an unknown substance.

"Having established that a nerve agent is the cause of the symptoms leading us to treat this as attempted murder, I can also confirm that we believe that the two people who became unwell were targeted specifically," Metropolitan Police counterterrorism chief Mark Rowley said.

Police said the two "remain in a critical condition in intensive care after being exposed to the substance."

Sick Venezuelans flee to Colombia in mounting refugee crisis

CUCUTA, Colombia (AP)—In a cramped hospital near Colombia's border with Venezuela, migrants fill stretchers bearing the wounds of the deteriorating nation they left behind.

An 18-year-old woman rubbed her swollen belly after fleeing with her infant daughter when the wounds from her C-section began to ooze pus. A young man whose femur had torn through his skin in a motorcycle crash needed antibiotics for an infection. An elderly retiree with a swollen foot arrived after taking a 20-hour bus ride from Caracas because doctors there told his family the only treatment they could offer was amputation—without anesthesia or antibiotics.

"If you want to sign, sign. But we are not responsible for the life of your father," Teresa Tobar, 36, quoted the doctors in Venezuela as telling her when they handed over the papers to authorize her father's surgery.

As Venezuela's economic crisis worsens, rising numbers are fleeing in a burgeoning refugee crisis that is drawing alarm across Latin America. Independent groups estimate that as many as 3 million to 4 million Venezuelans have abandoned their homeland in recent years, with several hundred thousand departing in 2017 alone.

Many of those migrants are arriving by foot in Colombia and landing in the Andean nation's emergency rooms with urgent medical conditions that Venezuelan hospitals can no longer treat.

According to health officials, Venezuelans made nearly 25,000 visits to Colombian ERs last year, up from just 1,500 in 2015. At hospitals in border cities like Cucuta, patients are packed side by side on stretchers that spill into hallways, not much unlike the deplorable conditions they fled back home. Authorities project that Venezuelan admissions to Colombian hospitals could double in 2018 and say the nation's already overstretched public health system is unprepared to handle the sudden swell.

"We are not in a position to assume the cost of the comprehensive care for the migrants arriving," said Julio Saenz, an adviser on migrant affairs to Colombia's Health Ministry. "That's a very big concern."

The Venezuelans are fleeing an increasingly authoritarian government that has been unable to halt skyrocketing inflation that renders wages nearly worthless and forces millions to go hungry. In Cucuta, ground zero for an exodus that has spread across Latin America, migrants say their nation's rapidly deteriorating health system is also forcing them to leave as everything from simple antibiotics to critical chemotherapy drugs become hard to find or impossible to afford.

"I said to myself, 'I have nowhere else to go,'" recalled Grecia Sabala, a 32-year-old mother who journeyed to Colombia seeking treatment for cervical cancer after doctors in Venezuela were unable to provide chemotherapy and her city's only radiation machine broke.

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Woman says found tooth with blood on it while eating cashews

RAVENNA, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio woman says she found a tooth with dried blood on it while eating cashews. WOIO-TV reports Nickolette Botsford said she felt something hard while eating the nuts and vomited when she saw it looked like a tooth. The Ravenna woman said a hospital confirmed it as a human tooth spotted with dried blood. Her hospital report says she was treated for exposure to blood or bodily fluids. It's unclear what product Botsford was eating and where it was purchased. Botsford called Planters' parent company, which recently picked up the tooth for testing. Kraft Heinz Co., based in Pittsburgh and Chicago, confirmed the item was a "foreign object" and said it's investigating its manufacturing process and suppliers.

Woman wins Keys conch-blowing contest; accepts proposal

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)—A Florida retiree has won the women's division in Key West's annual Conch Shell Blowing Contest—and accepted a marriage proposal from a fellow competitor. Seventy-year-old Mary Lou Smith impressed the judges Saturday with long blasts on the fluted, pink-lined shell. And when 73-year-old Rick Race proposed on stage, she accepted by joining him in a joyous duet. Other winners included Florida Keys resident Vinnie Marturano, who won the men's division after blowing three-toned blasts and a song fragment. Judges evaluated entrants from children to seniors on the quality, novelty, duration and loudness of their playing.

It's spring break and beer is flowing—on a Florida highway

CRESTVIEW, Fla. (AP)—Spring break is underway and the beer is already flowing—onto a Florida interstate highway. Okaloosa County Sheriff's officials said on Facebook Wednesday that a tractor-trailer carrying Busch beer spilled its cargo onto Interstate 10 in the Florida Panhandle. In a news release, the Florida Highway Patrol said 44-year-old Michael Nolan Powell of Simpsonville, South Carolina, failed to maintain his lane, resulting in the truck running onto the shoulder of the road before overturning. He was treated for minor injuries at the scene and is charged with careless driving. Troopers said about 60,000 pounds (27,000 kilograms) of Busch beer was tossed from the trailer.

Police: Runaway zebra killed by car in Phoenix suburb

CHANDLER, Ariz. (AP)—Police say a zebra was killed when a number of the animals broke out of the grounds of an Arizona festival and were wandering on a nearby road. The accident on Wednesday morning occurred near the grounds of the Chandler Ostrich Festival in a suburb of Phoenix. Chandler police Sgt. Daniel Mejia says the SUV driver was taken to a hospital with minor injuries. The Ostrich Festival, which will be held this weekend, attracts hundreds of thousands of people. Activities include ostrich races and ostrich-themed activities and a parade.

NASA will fly you to the sun—or at least your name

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—NASA will fly you to the sun—or at least your name. Now until April 27, NASA is accepting online submissions for this hottest ticket in town. The names will be sent on the Parker Solar Probe all the way to the sun. Once launched this summer from Cape Canaveral, Florida, the probe will eventually come within 4 million miles of our star, closer than any other spacecraft. Temperatures will reach 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit (1,300 degrees Celsius), as the spacecraft zips in and out of this atmospheric hot zone. Until now, the materials for such a grueling journey were unavailable. Actor William Shatner, who portrayed Capt. James Kirk in the old "Star Trek" TV series, is NASA's pitchman for the send-your-name-to-the-sun campaign.

Maryland church offers chance to win salvation—and a car

COLUMBIA, Md. (AP)—Please God, give me salvation—and a car. That prayer may have been uttered by more than a few people at a Maryland church on Sunday. That's because Destiny Church in Columbia handed out five used cars to demonstrate God's goodness and to attract new members. The Washington Post reported that the church gave away the cars to increase attendance at its new location. It was the first Sunday at a building in a strip mall for the 7-year-old nondenominational church. Pastor Stephen Chandler said the predominantly African-American church normally draws up to 1,100 people. This week, the church gave away 2,250 tickets in advance of three services. The church added a fourth service, which meant it had to buy another car to give away. The fifth car was given to a family in need.

Heartbroken Virginia man holds giveaway contest for ring

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP)—A Virginia man wants to parlay his heartbreak into a happy ending for another couple. The Virginian-Pilot reports Steven Crocker is soliciting stories from couples who want to tie the knot, but can't afford a ring. To the victors go the spoils of his own romance that ended a month before his planned proposal last year: a $1,700 diamond ring. Crocker said after some "sad music and lots of crying," he took the ring back last week from his mother, who had confiscated it because it was too hard for him to look at. The WAVY-TV camera operator says he and some friends will evaluate short videos from hopeful couples. He says the giveaway is "more about hope than loss"—and that matchmaking offers have already come in.

Alabama woman unearths Tennessee man's long-lost class ring

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—Five decades after it went missing, a south Alabama woman has found a Tennessee surgeon's ring while exploring a neighborhood with her metal detector. Al.com reports that Barbara Burgess found Dr. Stephen R. Sheppard's University of Tennessee Class of 1970 ring in front of a home in a subdivision behind the University of South Alabama in Mobile. The ring was about four inches deep in the dirt. She contacted the University of Tennessee's Office of Alumni Affairs. Officials learned Sheppard had previously contacted the office about his missing ring. Sheppard lost the ring about 50 years ago, when he was attending medical school and living at the house where the ring was found. Burgess and Sheppard met shortly after the ring was found and it was returned to him.

Smoking orangutan riles anger against zoo in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A video of an orangutan smoking has brought more criticism of a zoo in Indonesia infamous for past animal welfare troubles. In the video shot Sunday, a young man flicks his half-smoked cigarette into the primate's enclosure. It's picked up by the reddish-brown primate, who expertly puffs on it to laughter from the crowd. Activist Marison Guciano said Wednesday the smoking ape is further evidence of a lack of supervision and education at Bandung Zoo, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) southwest of the capital, Jakarta.

Science & Technology

European clocks slowed by lag

BERLIN (AP)—Millions of Europeans who arrived late to work or school Wednesday had a good excuse—an unprecedented lag in the continent's electricity grid that's slowing down some clocks.

The problem is caused by a political dispute between Serbia and Kosovo that's sapping a small amount of energy from the local grid, causing a domino effect across the 25-nation network spanning the continent from Portugal to Poland and Greece to Germany.

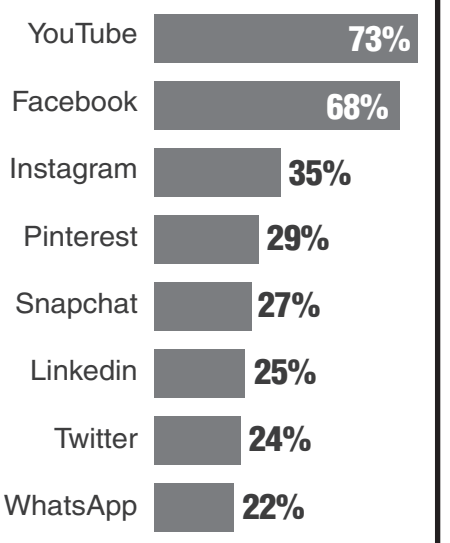
"Since the European system is interconnected ... when there is an imbalance somewhere the frequency slightly drops," said Claire Camus, a spokeswoman for the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity.

The Brussels-based organization, known as ENTSO-E, said in a separate statement that "this average frequency deviation, that has never happened in any similar way in the Continental European power system, must cease."

The deviation from Europe's standard 50 Hz frequency has been enough to cause electric clocks that keep time by the power system's frequency, rather than built-in quartz crystals, to fall behind by about six minutes since mid-January. The problem mostly affects radio alarms, oven clocks or clocks used to program heating systems.

Social media use

A survey conducted Jan. 3-10 shows Facebook and YouTube dominate this landscape, as notable majorities of U.S. adults use each of these sites.



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Anticipate ransomware, back up and unplug

TECH Q&A

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Q: My Windows 7 PC recently displayed a notice that my data files had been encrypted (encoded so that they can't be read), and that to decrypt them I needed to contact a specified e-mail address within 24 hours. I didn't respond, and now neither my IT person nor the Trend Micro security company can decrypt my files, which I hadn't backed up. What can I do?

A: Unfortunately, there's no simple solution for a ransomware attack, in which a hacker gains access to your PC, encrypts your files and demands money to decrypt them.

A few types of ransomware have been cracked by security experts (see tinyurl.com/j7ca4rc), and free software is available to undo the file encryption those programs caused (see tinyurl.com/ybpypegj). But for many other types of ransomware, there is no fix. If you don't contact the hackers and pay the ransom, your files remain encrypted. And there's no guarantee the hackers will decrypt your files just because you pay.

Why is ransomware so hard to overcome? When encryption software is used to lock data files, it generates an electronic key that can unlock them. But in ransomware attacks, only the hackers have the key. Trying to "guess" the key with a program that rapidly tries many possible variations could take from months to lifetimes—and beyond (see tinyurl.com/ybr6csnc).

As a result, you need to be prepared for ransomware attacks. Beyond the obvious advice—avoid suspicious e-mails and website links—you should make frequent backups of your files to an external memory device, then unplug that device from the PC. Why? Any memory device that's connected to your PC can have its files encrypted by the ransomware. Most cloud storage services connected to your PC also are vulnerable (others claim to be immune because they save archival copies of your unencrypted files.) Don't take a chance. Disconnect your backup.

Q: My Windows 10 PC recently began to display the error message: "Error in C:\Windows\system\LogiLDA.dll Missing Entry: Logifetch". What's wrong?

A: The problem is caused by the "Logitech Download Assistant" program, which updates the software for your PC's Logitech mouse. I suggest you disable it by right-clicking on the Task Bar at the bottom of the screen, then choosing Task Manager from the menu. In Task Manager, click on the "startup" tab, and in the resulting list find "LogiLDA." Right-click it, and from the drop-down list choose "disable." (To get future Logitech mouse updates, go to tinyurl.com/y733pzyu).

Q: Following the installation of a "critical update" on my Windows 7 PC, I'm unable to access my files because I'm a "temporary user." What can I do?

A: The update corrupted your user profile, which defines what you can do on the PC. You should create a new user profile to regain full PC access (see tinyurl.com/yctk6dc3, then follow the instructions for "my computer is on a domain.")

Life & Style

'Bachelor' star says he'll take heat for switching fiancees

LOS ANGELES (AP)—ABC's "The Bachelor" says he's willing to take the heat for dumping Becca Kufrin to find true love with runner-up Lauren Burnham.

"Would I do it all again and face this scrutiny to be with her? Absolutely," Arie Luyendyk Jr. said Wednesday during a teleconference with reporters.

His decision to break up with Kufrin during Monday's season finale after he'd proposed drew headlines including the words "horror," ''brutal" and "gut-wrenching."

Luyendyk defended the spectacle of ending their engagement on network TV. "I wanted everyone to know that the breakup was on me and that I made a mistake," he said, adding that the relationship started on camera and it was appropriate to end it there.

He speculated his ex might even be thankful for it.

Although she handled it graciously for the show, Kufrin unloaded afterward about having her romantic dreams publicly crushed. "It was like a slap in the face," she told People magazine. But she defended Luyendyk, sort of, saying she didn't think he threw her over for Burnham to "maliciously to break my heart."

Indian architect of innovative, low-cost homes wins Pritzker

Architect and educator Balkrishna Doshi, best-known for his innovative work designing low-cost housing, has been awarded the 2018 Pritzker Architecture Prize, the first Indian to win architecture's highest honor in its 40-year history.

The award was announced Wednesday by Tom Pritzker of the Chicago-based Hyatt Foundation.

Doshi has been an architect, urban planner, and educator for 70 years. The foundation called the 90-year-old's work "poetic and functional," and noted his ability to create works that both respect eastern culture and enhance quality of life in India.

Among Doshi's achievements: the Aranya low-cost housing project in Indore, which accommodates over 80,000 people, many of them poor, through a system of houses, courtyards and internal pathways.

Reached at home in the western city of Ahmedabad, Doshi said his life's work has been "to empower the have-nots, the people who have nothing."

The housing itself, he said, can transform how residents see their world. "Now, their life has changed. They feel hopeful," he said. "They have ownership of something."

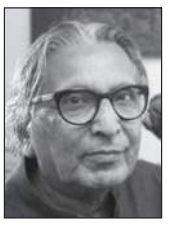
He called the prize an honor both for himself and for India.

"What I have done for close to the last 60 years, working in rural areas, working in low-cost housing, worrying about India's future. Now all this comes together and gives me a chance to say "Here we are!" he said.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted his congratulations.

"This honour is a fitting recognition of his outstanding work, which has spanned decades and made a notable contribution to society," He said.

Doshi was influenced early by two of the great 20th-century architects, Charles-Edouard Jeanneret, known as Le Corbusier, and Louis Kahn.



Doshi

The prize citation noted how their influence "can be seen in the robust forms of concrete which he employed."

But he grew into his own. "With an understanding and appreciation of the deep traditions of India's architecture, he united prefabrication and local craft and developed a vocabulary in harmony with the history, culture, local traditions and the changing times of his home country India," the citation read.

Doshi's work ranges from the blocky, concrete Life Insurance Corporation Housing buildings in Ahmedabad to the naturalist curves of that city's Amdavad ni Gufa underground art gallery.

"My work is the story of my life, continuously evolving, changing and searching . searching to take away the role of architecture, and look only at life," the prize announcement quoted him as saying.

While the work of Pritzker winners are often scattered across the globe, Doshi is known for working almost completely in his homeland, designing buildings for government offices, companies and universities.

Born in 1927 in the city of Pune, Doshi studied architecture in Mumbai and later worked under Le Corbusier, overseeing his projects in the cities of Chandigarh and Ahmedabad. He was the founding director of Ahmedabad's School of Architecture and Planning, which is now known as CEPT University.

He founded his own practice in 1956, and lives and works in Ahmedabad. ***(AP)***

NYPD: We have considerable evidence in Weinstein rape case

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City's top detective said Wednesday police have gathered considerable evidence in the rape investigation of Harvey Weinstein but it's up to the district attorney to decide whether the disgraced media mogul gets indicted.

"It's his case right now," Chief Robert Boyce said of Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. "I would ask you to ask him ... his schedule ... where it goes forward."

The district attorney's office had no comment.

Boyce said investigators have been working diligently with women who alleged Weinstein raped them. The probe stems from a report in October by "Boardwalk Empire" actress Paz de la Huerta, who said Weinstein raped her twice in 2010. She also spoke publicly.

Detectives have since traveled to Paris and Los Angeles to interview de la Huerta and others. They have sought cellphone, business and medical records. Witnesses were prepared to testify before a grand jury, which would determine whether Weinstein is indicted, Boyce said. The proceeding is secret.

"We've accumulated quite a bit of evidence," Boyce said.

In Humble Gratitude

†KEVIN IGHARYANG CEPEDA ALDAN JR.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all our family and friends for the genuine words of sympathy, the unselfish assistance and donations you all have extended us during our time of sorrow and need, but most especially for your presence, thoughts and prayers for our dearly beloved †Kevin.

Our deepest appreciation goes out to Bishop Ryan Jimenez, Fr. Jesse Reyes, Fr. Kenneth Hezel, SJ and Fr. Harold Funa for presiding over the Mass of Christian Burial and to our Techa Vicky Fitial for leading the rosary. We would also like to thank St. Jude Thaddeus Choir for the beautiful serenade at the funeral.

To all those who have helped us in one way or another, your presence, compassion, and generosity will always be remembered.

Thank you, Si Yuus Maase and Olomway,

The Family

In Loving Memory of

Teodoro Selepeo

September 20, 1927 – March 3, 2018

In his new life, he now joins his:

Wife:	†Maria Magofna Selepeo
2nd Wife:	†Nancy Pangelinan Selepeo
Sons:	†Pedro & †Felipe Magofna Selepeo
Daughter:	†Andresina Selepeo Kapileo
Grandson:	†Theodore John Selepeo Kapileo
Great Grandson:	†Rodney H. Rosario II
Parents:	†Vicente Rebuenog & †Juana Selepeo
Reared Father:	†Juan Pua
Parents In-Law:	†Luis F. & †Concepcion Lizama Magofna
Siblings & Spouses:	†Adela S. /†Alfonso Lifoifoi
	†Pedro S. /†Carmen Rebuenog
	†Antonia S. /†Pedro Kani
	†Damian S. /†Marcelina Pua
	†Juan S. /†Lourdes Pua
	†Jesus S. Pua
	†Marcelina P./ †Julian Taitano

Mass of Intentions for the soul is offered at 6:00 p.m., followed by the nightly rosary at Santa Remedio Church in Tanapag.

Funeral Services will be held on March 10, 2018. His remains will be escorted from the CHCC Morgue at 4:00 p.m. to his daughter's (Agnes Selepeo) in Tanapag for wake. On Saturday, his remains will be taken to Santa Remedios Church for the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. followed by interment service at Tanapag Cemetery where he will be at peaceful rest.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase

From Children and Family

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Children/Spouses and family:

Fidel /Carmen J. Selepeo
(Deidre/Martin Bishop & kids, Ray, Ziddy/Savannah, Alma/Jeremy Salas, Roncey/
Michaela & kids, Maya/Joseph Camacho & kids)
Vicente Selepeo
Lucia S. /Wilfredo Tungol
(Malia S. Tungol, Benjamin S. Tungol)
†Adresina/Antonio Perez
(Stephen/Janice Kapileo, Alvin/Angie Kapileo & kids, Calvin S. Kapileo,
Pedro/Janet Perez & kids)
Agnes S. /Romeo Herman
(Arlinda S. Dela Cruz, Lovena/Rasao Martin & kids, Leonie/Robert Bansil & kids, Marla/Rodney Rosario & kids, Sallanter/Doly F. Herman & kids, Romeo Jr. /Sarah Herman & kids)
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(Ciamar/Ryan Osinski & kids, Lenny Jane Q. Selepeo,
Herolyne Q. Selepeo
David M./Cecilia K. Selepeo

Survived by:

Sister In-Law: Gaudelia Magofna Pua

He will also be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Q&A: Oprah plays life coach to 'Wrinkle in Time' co-stars

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"A Wrinkle in Time" director Ava DuVernay insists she didn't consciously assemble three of the entertainment industry's most successful and entrepreneurial women to play the celestial, all-knowing "Mrs." characters in Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon and Mindy Kaling.

"I guess I'm attracted to that kind of energy: Like-minded take over the world-ness," DuVernay said.

Winfrey, Witherspoon and Kaling spoke recently with The Associated Press about the film, DuVernay's achievement, a changing industry and Winfrey's life advice.

Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: You've all become fast friends it seems.

WITHERSPOON: It's great to be around people who inspire you and lift you up. My grandma used to say, 'People are either a radiator or a drain. Surround yourself with people who radiate light and goodness and love and do not stick around the drains because they will pull you down.'

WINFREY: Oh, that's good, grandma!

AP: What do you think of the historic fact that Ava DuVernay got to direct this?

WITHERSPOON: It's extraordinary when a company of this size puts their money into it and their entire marketing into this. This is not the level of marketing I'm used to.

KALING: I'm like Carrie Bradshaw where I'm walking down the street and see a bus with my face on it.

WINFREY: That happened to me! I'm driving down the street and I see my face on a bus stop and I'm like, 'Stoppppp! Stooooppp! That's me!'

KALING: How cool is that? I'm a 38-year-old Indian woman and I'm on a bus.

AP

In this Feb. 25, 2018 photo, actors Mindy Kaling from left, Oprah Winfrey and Reese Witherspoon pose for a portrait at The W Hotel in Los Angeles to promote their film, "A Wrinkle in Time," opening nationwide on Friday.

WINFREY: That is some Disney power, baby.

AP: Do you think the entertainment industry is ready to give women second chances if their film underperforms or isn't 'The Force Awakens'? Even if something is a modest success, sometimes it's treated as an anomaly.

KALING: Well we're kind of chipping away at that with your Ryan Cooglers and Jordan Peeles and Patty Jenkins.

WITHERSPOON: But a lot of female directors are allowed to make one film and if it isn't a gonzo success they're relegated to the sidelines and never given another opportunity. Meanwhile there are so many men who fail over and over and over and get hired over and over and over again and you can't just get one turn at bat. And your one turn at bat you have to hit a home run? Or you're out? That's impossible statistics.

But I love that studios are listening to audiences. When Disney makes this choice, they're saying: We care about the audience. We're listening. We hear you. You want to see yourselves. You want different storytellers.

KALING: But it can't be like, 'Well there's Ava and she's the exception.'

WITHERSPOON: Like how everybody goes 'Meryl Streep works over 50.' Yeah? Name another one. Who else makes a whole lot of money past 50?

AP: Have you felt a change in the past few months? Are people more receptive to your ideas?

WITHERSPOON: After 'Big Little Lies' it's been totally different. It's incredible what that show did for my producing career. I've been enormously grateful. I do remember a year and a half ago walking into a studio and talking about the projects we wanted to make and this guy goes, 'Well we don't really make biopics because they're not really fresh.' And I said, 'How many biopics are there about women?' He couldn't name one. And I said, 'OK, so is it fresh. Because if you've never seen it I think that is pretty much the definition of fresh.' I saw this video of little girls and someone asked them to name an inventor and all they could name were men. There are all these female inventors and they don't know any of them.

KALING: I don't know any of them....

WITHERSPOON: Because we haven't told their stories!

WINFREY: So now are people calling you for what your ideas are? I would think that now you could go wherever you want.

WITHERSPOON: Definitely.

WINFREY: But do they only want you to repeat what you've already done? Or are they open to new things?

WITHERSPOON: No they want new stuff. They want me to bring the female perspective or whatever. I'm thinking, 'It's 2018, I'm not the only woman.'

AP: What can men do to help this progress continue?

KALING: Hire female writing staffs, hire female directors, tell stories about women that are starring women. Hire women over the age of 25. That's it.

WITHERSPOON: I would like to see some big actors say that they are going to work with different types of directors. Take the opportunities that they've had and use them to lift other people up. We all need to mentor a lot of young people too.

WINFREY: You're going to take on mentoring now too?

WITHERSPOON: I'm doing a camp this summer for female filmmakers. Thirty girls between 18 and 20 are going to learn how to write their own stories and shoot their own movies.

KALING: The Reese Witherspoon Summer Academy?

WINFREY: You're going to do that in between producing "Lies" and in between producing your new series with Jennifer (Aniston) and between ... ok ...

Judge: Man accused of McDormand Oscar theft will be released

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge on Wednesday agreed to release without bail the man accused of stealing Frances McDormand's Academy Award, while his attorney vowed to fight a felony grand theft charge he says is excessive and undeserved.

Terry Bryant, 57, who has been jailed since his Sunday night arrest, appeared behind glass in the courtroom in a blue jail jumpsuit and pleaded not guilty.

His attorney Daniel Brookman had argued that the previous bail amount of $20,000 was unnecessary, calling the Oscar situation a momentary aberration. He said Bryant has had no contact with law enforcement for six years and represented no threat to the community.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Deborah S. Brazil said she was concerned by Bryant's four prior felony convictions on theft-related charges and his past failures to appear in court, which prosecutors argued should keep the bail unchanged.

But Brazil agreed that several years of good behavior and the lack of a threat to the community justified Bryant's release.

Brookman acknowledged that Bryant can be seen on an Associated Press video holding McDormand's best actress statuette but said those images don't rise to the seriousness of felony grand theft.

"There's a big difference between holding an Oscar and what he's charged with," Brookman said outside court. "I don't think his character matches these charges."

Bryant walked out of the Governors Ball Oscars afterparty with the trophy on Sunday night, authorities said. He was captured on the AP video holding it proudly over his head and saying, "All right baby boys and baby girls."

Granddaughter is blind to signs of fiance's abusive potential

DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter is getting married in seven months and I'm worried for her. I see many red flags she's ignoring. Because I'm old, I don't think she will believe me.

You have printed a list of warning signs of an abusive mate. Can you print it again so I can give it to her?

PERCEPTIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PERCEPTIVE: Gladly, because it could be a lifesaver.

(1) PUSHES FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the new partner for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

(2) JEALOUS: Excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

(3) CONTROLLING: If you are late, interrogates you intensively about whom you talked to and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

(4) UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.

(5) ISOLATION: Tries to isolate you from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car, or try to prevent you from holding a job.

(6) BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS OR MISTAKES: It's always someone else's fault if something goes wrong.

(7) MAKES OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER FEELINGS: The abuser says, "You make me angry" instead of "I am angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."

(8) HYPERSENSITIVITY: Is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.

(9) CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR CHILDREN: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partners will also abuse children.

(10) "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; finds the idea of rape exciting.

(11) VERBAL ABUSE: Constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you with relentless verbal abuse.

(12) RIGID GENDER ROLES: Expects you to serve, obey, remain at home.

(13) SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: Switches from sweet to violent in minutes.

(14) PAST BATTERING: Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person "made" him or her do it.

(15) THREATS OF VIOLENCE: Says things like, "I'll break your neck" or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it."

Anyone at risk should contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233 or thehotline.org.

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Pastimes

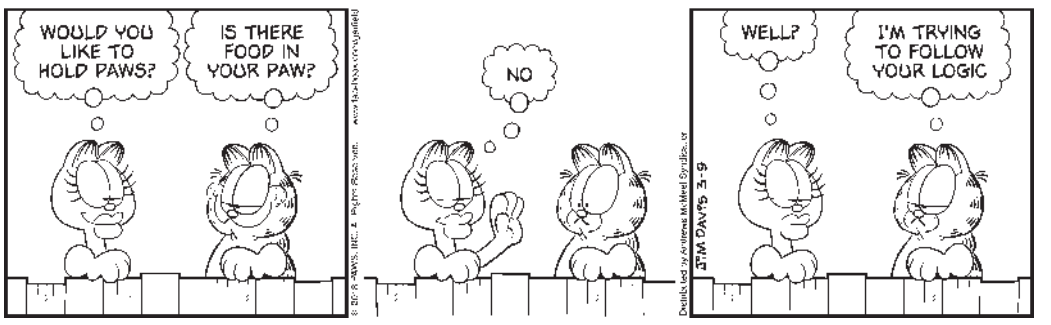
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

THAT'S GREAT, HOBBES! I'M A TIGER!
WELL, BEING A TIGER IS MORE THAN JUST STRIPES, YOU REALIZE.
KIND OF A ZEN THING, HUH?
YOU HAVE TO THINK LIKE A TIGER.
"YOWWOW, I'M HUNGRY! WHAT'S FOR DINNER?" ...HOW'S THAT?
HAR HAR. DO YOU WANT ME TO TEACH YOU ANYTHING, OR NOT?

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



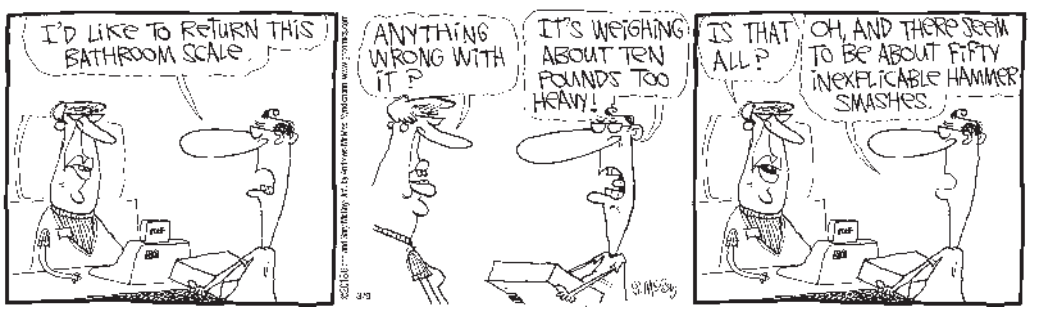
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

SO, HOW'D THE SLEEP-WRITING EXPERIMENT GO?
NOT GREAT.
I FELL ASLEEP AND HAD A DREAM ABOUT A TALKING MONKEY OR SOMETHING.
I GUESS I'M GONNA HAVE TO WRITE THIS BOOK THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.
IN YOUR SPONGEBOB PJS, WIRED TO THE GILLS ON COFFEE AND CHEETOS?
BACK TO THE NEWMAN METHOD.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


I'D LIKE TO RETURN THIS BATHROOM SCALE.
ANYTHING WRONG WITH IT?
IT'S WEIGHING ABOUT TEN POUNDS TOO HEAVY!
IS THAT ALL?
OH, AND THERE SEEM TO BE ABOUT FIFTY INEXPLICABLE HAMMER SMASHES.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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23 Dutch treats?
24 Dance club VIPs
25 Female hare
26 Tummy muscles
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30 Two, in Toledo
31 Nightwear, for short
32 Debtor's letters
33 Flow out
36 Get ready, briefly
37 Disregard
40 "Have fun!"
42 November birthstone
43 Sports venue
44 Clutch
45 "Be quiet!"
46 "Mamma Mia" group
48 Some coll. degrees
49 100 percent
50 Actress Vardalos
51 Petrol

Solution time: 25 mins.

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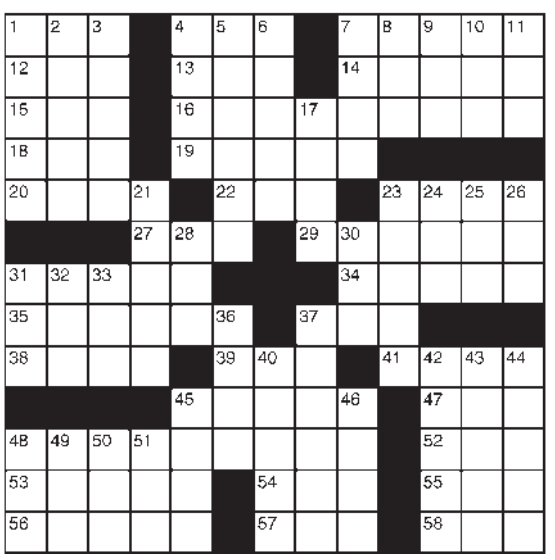
Yesterday's answer 3-9



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Bow Wow, 31; Brittany Snow, 32; Matthew Gray Gubler, 38; Juliette Binoche, 54.

Happy Birthday: Before you commit to something that will take up a lot of your time, make sure it's something you truly want to do. You owe it to yourself to go after your dreams and to put a stop to others taking advantage of your generosity and helpful attitude. Put your needs first and don't look back. Your numbers are 3, 8, 14, 20, 28, 36, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make future plans that will give you something to look forward to. A trip, attending a retreat or making personal changes to how you live will drum up greater enthusiasm and the desire to work hard and get ahead. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Work on your financial documents. Make sure you have everything up-to-date before you submit your tax return or deal with a financial institution. Put your money where it counts, not in someone else's pocket. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A surprise will help you win someone's favor. Consider making changes to a partnership that you feel has greater potential. Someone from a different background will give you greater insight into how you are perceived by others. ✪✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Problems will mount if you are too open about the way you feel or what you are doing. Someone will take advantage of you or take credit for what you have done. Protect against loss, setbacks and damage to your reputation. ✪✪✪

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Socialize with friends, colleagues and people you find mentally stimulating. Participating in energetic activities or events will bring about positive changes that will promote better health. Your enthusiasm will add to your popularity. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional matters will be difficult to control. Try to be understanding and look for a solution without arguing. If you are reluctant to compromise, you may end up being left out. Look at all sides of a situation before you disagree. ✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A pleasure trip, shopping spree or time spent with someone who appreciates you will improve your day. An interesting opportunity will develop if you attend a reunion or get together with an old friend. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Work hard and accomplish what's expected of you. You'll feel good about your achievements and enjoy the downtime you've earned. A little pampering will go a long way. Don't let anyone get you riled up when you should be relaxing. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't trust anyone with sensitive information. You'll be disappointed by what someone says about you. Try not to respond negatively. Stay focused on the people and plans that will bring positive results. Romance will improve your personal life. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Problems will mount if you or someone else isn't honest about your feelings or future plans. Question what's going on and make sure that everyone involved is on board before you spend money or make a commitment. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use all the skills you have when looking for new ways to bring in money. Don't disregard what you are capable of doing. A service you can offer will turn into a prosperous enterprise. Explore the possibilities and start small. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refuse to let emotional issues get in the way of your progress. Set your goals and don't stop until you feel satisfied with what you've accomplished. Plan to celebrate with someone who has helped you out. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are playful, entertaining and energetic. You are curious and emotional.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/09

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Yesterday's Answer

4	2	6	9	5	3	7	1	8
8	3	7	2	1	4	9	5	6
9	1	5	7	6	8	2	4	3
6	9	2	8	4	7	5	3	1
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7	5	8	1	3	9	4	6	2
3	8	9	5	7	1	6	2	4
5	6	4	3	8	2	1	7	9
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By DAVID OUELLET

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Salary: $8.00-$9.00/hour

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(1) General Maintenance (Skilled Workers)
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Five years experience
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- Must have driver's license. Responsible to pick up all order from Monday to Saturday in main post office, deliver to private post office in safe and timely manner. Experience fabricate and make metal key to control boxes.

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- Must have a College Degree/Business Administration with at least 5 years experience.
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Email resume to: Irmaramba0621@gmail.com
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Medical Sales Representative

Job Duties:
Arrange meetings and appointments with clients; promote company's products and services; build and maintain a positive work relationship with clients, suppliers and manufacturers; prepare and submit weekly activity reports, monthly progress reports and quarterly sales reports and marketing plans. Keep a detailed and organized record of clients and contacts. Maintain an organized record of all sales activities. Stay informed about the activities of clinics, hospitals and other health care.

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1-LPG TANK TRUCK DRIVER
Perform discharging of LPGas from isotainer to facility storage bulk tank. Read the meter and record the level percentage discharged. Perform loading of LPGas from the facility storage tank to the tank truck, read the meter and record quantity loaded. Check the condition of the trucks such as engine oil, water, lights, and tires before leaving the facility. Secure the vehicle when loading from storage tanks to the tank truck and monitor the entire loading and refilling. Prepare invoices for customers to ensure that the quantity will be accurately loaded. Deliver and unload LPGas to customers storage tank. Must have hazmat training and have at least 2-3 year work experience in the job offered or related field.

1-LPG MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
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WELL DRILLER: Minimum of 8 years experience of monitoring water well drilling & boring holes. Must have excellent knowledge & skill in well servicing & well drilling using different methods & other necessary drilling equipment, tools & machines. OSHA & HAZWOPER Certification are required.

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CONSTRUCTION LABORER: Minimum of 5 years experience of performing tasks involving physical labor in well construction & real estate development projects, specializing in water well drilling projects & commercial and residential property maintenance service. OSHA & HAZWOPER certification are required.

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Alexander Incorporated
Alexander Building, Beach Road,
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For inquiries, please call 234-5117

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
ONE (1) ACCOUNTANT

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- Organized and maintain financial records.
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QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS:
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- Two (2) years experience in Finance or Accounting
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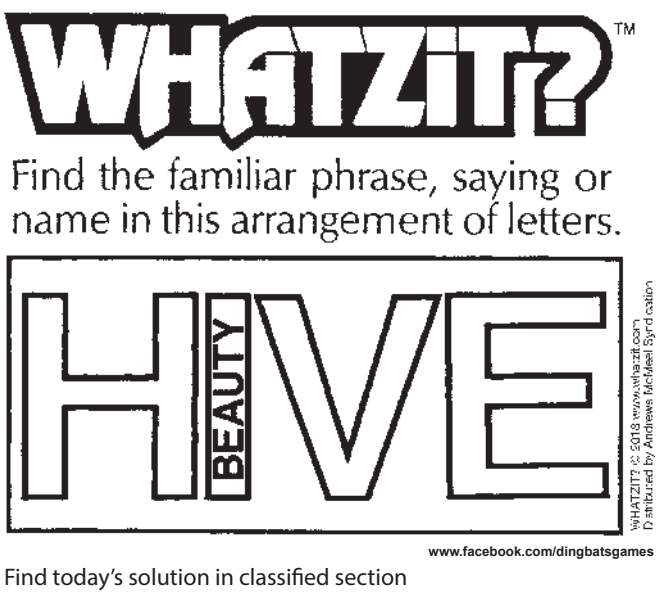
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Eagles get Bennett; Giants take Ogletree

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— The Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles bolstered their formidable pass rush with another top-level defensive lineman.

The Eagles acquired three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Michael Bennett from the Seattle Seahawks on Wednesday, three people familiar with the trade told The Associated Press. The deal won't be officially announced until the NFL's league year opens next Wednesday. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the trade information.

Seattle gets wide receiver Marcus Johnson and a fifth-round pick, while Philadelphia also receives a seventh-round pick.

Bennett had 8 + sacks last season and 54 in his nine-year career. The 32-year-old Bennett has three years remaining on his contract, with a base salary of just $1.65 million in 2018. That number jumps to $6 million in 2019 and $7.5 million in 2020.

The Eagles will have to make roster moves to accommodate Bennett because they already are over the salary cap. Defensive end Vinny Curry is a likely candidate to be traded or released. Curry started 19 games this season, including playoffs, had three sacks and has three years left on a five-year, $47 million deal.

Bennett joins a deep front unit that includes Fletcher Cox, Brandon Graham, Derek Barnett, Chris Long and Tim Jernigan. He probably won't face double-teaming as much and could thrive in defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz's aggressive system.

The outspoken Bennett has been heavily involved in social activism and fits in nicely in Philadelphia's locker room with Long and safety Malcolm Jenkins, who are leaders in those areas.

Seattle could be moving on from another defensive star. Cornerback Richard Sherman also is on the trading block.

Johnson has five catches for 45 yards in 10 career games.

In Los Angeles, the Rams have agreed to trade linebacker Alec Ogletree to the New York Giants for two draft picks, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because NFL trades can't be announced until March 14. ESPN first reported the deal.

Los Angeles gets the Giants' fourth-round and sixth-round picks in the 2018 draft. The NFC West champion Rams also will send a seventh-round pick in 2019 to the Giants along with Ogletree, their defensive captain and last season's leading tackler.

Ogletree has spent his entire five-year NFL career with the Rams, who drafted him out of Georgia in the first round in 2013. He led their defense in tackles during four of his five seasons, only failing to do so in 2015 when he played in just four games due to a broken leg.

He had 95 tackles and two sacks last season while moving into coordinator Wade Phillips' 3-4 defensive scheme. He also provided leadership on the defense, both during the Rams' turbulent relocation season from St. Louis and again last season, when they ended their 12-year playoff drought.

Ogletree signed a four-year, $42.7 million extension with the Rams just last October, getting $30 million in guaranteed money.

While Ogletree is a speedy linebacker who has been quite productive, he has been an inconsistent tackler at times, and he never appeared to be an ideal fit in Phillips' defense.

Ogletree also was a key player in the Rams' spotty run defense. Los Angeles finished last season fifth-worst in the NFL at stopping the run, allowing 122.3 yards rushing per game and frequently struggling with stops between the tackles, where Ogletree needed to shine.

AP

After playing five seasons with the Seattle Seahawks, star defensive end Michael Bennett is heading to Philadelphia.

Jerry Jones to pay NFL $2 million for legal fees

Jerry Jones has agreed to pay the NFL more than $2 million in legal fees resulting from two disputes the Dallas Cowboys owner had with the league, a person with direct knowledge of the settlement tells The Associated Press.

The amount to be paid was resolved Wednesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the NFL did not announce details.

Commissioner Roger Goodell held an appeal hearing with Jones on Monday. That came a few days after Goodell assessed the financial penalties for Jones' lawsuit to overturn the suspension of Cowboys star running back Ezekiel Elliott, and for a lawsuit Jones threatened to stop Goodell's newly approved contract.

Many owners were consulted on seeking restitution, including members of the finance committee. Some finance committee members are on the compensation committee that was at the center of what became a legal back-and-forth over Goodell's deal.

The restitution is rooted in a 1997 resolution that states owners can seek repayment for legal fees if a fellow owner is responsible for getting them involved in legal action.

Jones' attempt to derail Goodell's extension, which came after Elliott was suspended over domestic violence allegations, led to a volley of threatening letters from lawyers for both sides.

After eventually relenting, Jones said after the owners meetings in December that he got what he wanted with an agreement to consider changes to the power of the commissioner's role through the league's constitution. Jones denied that his attempt to scuttle the contract was tied to Elliott's suspension, but made repeated references to Goodell's power to punish players.

Jones and the Cowboys were supportive of Elliott's lawsuit, which was led by the players' union and resulted in federal court hearings in three states over a span of two months. The suit eventually failed and Elliott served the suspension.

Ichiro rejoins Mariners at 44, says Seattle is home team

SEATTLE (AP)—Now that Ichiro Suzuki is back with the Seattle Mariners, he hopes to stick around a while.

"I think everybody hears that I want to play until I'm 50," he said through a translator. "But I want to make sure everybody understands that I always say at least 50."

The 44-year-old outfielder rejoined his former team Wednesday with a $750,000, one-year contract.

"Even in the offseason when I would go back to Japan, I always came back to Seattle. This was my home ... has always been my home," he said. "Somewhere deep inside, I wanted to return and wear this uniform again."

Suzuki was the AL MVP and Rookie of the Year with Seattle in 2001. He was traded to the New York Yankees during the 2012 season and spent three years in Miami.

Suzuki has a .312 career average and 3,080 hits, not including the 1,278 hits he totaled in Japan. He played 136 games last year for the Marlins and hit .255 with a .318 on-base percentage.

Mariners general manager Jerry Dipoto said discussions about Suzuki's return intensified about a week ago, when the club's outfield injury situation became a greater concern.

"It did not take very long to put a deal together that brought Ichiro back home," Dipoto said.

Meanwhile, before leading their teams against each other for the first time, the Yankees' Aaron Boone and the Mets' Mickey Callaway took time to discuss their new gigs as managers in New York.

"I'm trying to prepare every day for what might happen," Callaway said Wednesday before the Yankees rallied for an 11-4 spring training win. "I'm sure at some point we'll get blindsided for one reason or the other, but it's been good so far."

Callaway took over from Terry Collins, who was fired after the longest tenure of a Mets manager, seven seasons. Boone replaced Joe Girardi, who was let go after a decade.

"I haven't been blindsided yet by anything. I know it's coming," Boone said. "I'm not naive enough to think that. But you don't really know until you're in it."

Callaway was hired after five seasons as Cleveland's pitching coach. Boone had been an analyst for ESPN. Both are first-time managers in a market that is unforgiving.

"We talked for a few seconds before the game, but we haven't got to discuss in-depth what it's been like," Callaway said. "I'm sure we'll get that opportunity at some point."

Callaway, 42, and his staff have had to prepare for and manage the myriad of injuries the Mets experience each spring training.

Brandon Nimmo and Steven Matz had setbacks in camp last year that hampered Collins. This year, pitcher Jacob deGrom (lower back stiffness) and shortstop Amed Rosario (sore groin) have been slowed.

"Right now I'm just try to make sure the position players are ready," Callaway said. "I've always had a good feel, obviously, to get pitchers ready for the season. Position players ... I haven't had to do that before."

Boone, who turns 45 on Friday, has experienced what he says is an exciting transition from the broadcast booth to the manager's office.

"I can't wait every day. I don't feel like I've been overwhelmed with anything," he said. "There's a lot that goes into each day, but it's really been invigorating."

DeRozan scores 42, Raptors clinch playoff spot

DETROIT (AP)— In the final seconds of both regulation and overtime, DeMar DeRozan pushed the ball up the court and went straight toward the basket.

The first time, he threw down a dunk for the game's most spectacular highlight. Then a few minutes later, DeRozan had the ball in his hands again in a similar spot.

"I knew they would be more prone to collapse on me the next time," the Toronto star said.

With Detroit's defenders cutting off his path to the rim, DeRozan made a simple pass to Fred VanVleet, whose tiebreaking jumper with 1.1 seconds remaining gave the Raptors a 121-119 victory over the Pistons on Wednesday night.

DeRozan finished with 42 points in the overtime win, and Toronto became the first NBA team to clinch a playoff berth this season.

"We need to be hardened and face some adversity," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. "Tonight was one of those tests. I think each game we go into, everybody's going to give us their best shot."

Toronto trailed by 17 in the second quarter but was able to outlast Blake Griffin and the Pistons in a back-and-forth thriller. With the score tied late in overtime, Detroit's Reggie Bullock missed an open 3-pointer with about five seconds left on the shot clock. The rebound went to DeRozan, who rushed into the front-court and got into the lane, where a couple defenders stood in his way. He passed to VanVleet in the left corner.

Until then, VanVleet was 1 for 9 from the field, but his shot from just inside the 3-point line gave Toronto the lead.

"To win the game at the end there makes me be able to sleep a little bit better at night," VanVleet said.

Griffin, who had tied the game with less than a second remaining in regulation, missed a 3-pointer on the final possession of overtime.

The Eastern Conference-leading Raptors have won six straight and 13 of 14. Detroit has lost four in a row and 10 of 12.

Pelicans 114, Kings 101

In Sacramento, Anthony Davis scored 17 points before rolling his left ankle and leaving in the third quarter, and the New Orleans Pelicans beat the Sacramento Kings to match a franchise record with their 10th straight win.

Davis went down after battling Kosta Koufos for a rebound. The five-time All-Star winced and grabbed at his ankle before slowly getting to his feet. Davis remained in the game briefly before being taken to the Pelicans locker room with 3:11 left in the third. He did not return. X-rays were negative.

New Orleans, which has played well since losing center DeMarcus Cousins to a season-ending injury in January, kept rolling without Davis, although the Kings made a brief run late in the fourth.

Buddy Hield hit a 3-pointer to pull Sacramento within 103-94 with 3:12 left, but Nikola Mirotic and Jrue Holiday both hit 3s and combined for 11 straight points to help the Pelicans pull away.

AP

Toronto Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan (10) drives on Detroit Pistons forward Blake Griffin (23) during the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, March 7, 2018, in Detroit.

Bulls 119, Grizzlies 110

In Chicago, the Bulls envision Lauri Markkanen, Zach LaVine and Kris Dunn leading them to tight wins -- someday in bigger spots than this.

Markkanen scored 22 points, LaVine and Dunn added 21 apiece, and Chicago hung on to hand the Memphis Grizzlies their 15th straight loss.

The Bulls had a 21-point lead whittle to one but came away with their fourth win in 18 games.

"Everybody wants to see, `Are these guys for real? Are they capable of playing at a high level each and every night?" Dunn said.

Dunn scored 11 in the fourth quarter and made four free throws in the final 33.7 seconds to help Chicago come out on top.

Rockets 110, Bucks 99

In Milwaukee, the Houston Rockets had trouble at times holding on to the ball and keeping up with the young Milwaukee Bucks.

But as long as the Rockets keep hitting their 3-pointers, they're pretty hard to beat.

James Harden scored 26 points, Eric Gordon had 18 points and two momentum-swinging 3s in the third quarter, and Houston beat Milwaukee for its 17th straight win.

The Rockets passed the Boston Celtics for the longest winning streak in the NBA this season. Houston hasn't lost since Jan. 26 at New Orleans.

"We find ways to win," Harden said. "It's not going to be the same way every game."

The latest victory came on the second of a tough back-to-back stretch of road games that started with a 10-point victory at Oklahoma City.

Jazz 104, Pacers 84

In Indianapolis, the Utah Jazz are doing everything they can to crash the crowded Western Conference playoff picture.

Rudy Gobert had 23 points and 14 rebounds, Donovan Mitchell finished with 20 points and six assists, and Utah crept closer to a possible playoff berth with a 104-84 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday night.

The Jazz were 17-26 after losing to the Pacers on Jan. 15, but they've gone 18-4 since to reach 35-30. They are in a three-way tie with the Clippers and Nuggets for the eighth seed.

"We just play for one another," Gobert said. "Everyone is on the same page. Everyone wants to win, and you can feel that. There's a focus in the locker room. It's great."

Cavaliers 113, Nuggets 108

In Denver, LeBron James scored 39 points, including nine down the stretch, and dished out 10 assists as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Denver Nuggets after squandering a 16-point lead.

James made one off-balance shot after another in the waning minutes to turn back the Nuggets, who didn't take their first lead of the game until 8:35 remaining on a driving layup by Mason Plumlee. Jeff Green gave Cleveland the lead for good with a 3-pointer on a play set up by James after he tapped a loose ball out to him.

It was that kind of night for James.

Lakers 108, Magic 107

In Los Angeles, Brook Lopez scored 27 points and hit two free throws with 0.6 seconds to play, and the Los Angeles Lakers blew a nine-point lead in the final 90 seconds before rallying back to beat the Orlando Magic 108-107 on Wednesday night.

The game ended with a curious officiating decision. When the Magic inbounded the ball at midcourt after Lopez's free throws, the Staples Center clock apparently started before anyone had touched the ball. But after video review, the officials ruled the teams must have a jump ball at center court, effectively preventing the Magic from getting a final chance to win.

Aaron Gordon scored 28 points and made a driving, go-ahead layup with 5 seconds to play for the Magic, who trailed 106-97 before scoring 10 straight points. Lopez drew a foul while backing into the low post with 0.6 seconds left, and he coolly made both free throws.

Islander pounds 8th Division

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Islander whipped 8th Division, 76-56, in the first game in the 2018 Civic Center Inter-color Basketball League last Saturday at the Civic Center court.

Islander used a 25-7 scoring surge in the third quarter to set up the 20-point winning margin.

Before pulling away in the pivotal third period, Islander was ahead by only 5 points at the break, 35-30. Jaymark De Guzman then led Islander's attack at the start of the second half after scoring 8 points, while Sean Rabasto contributed 6. Jack Aranda and Mike Santos chipped in two field goals apiece to hand Islander a 60-37 lead.

Only two players scored for 8th Division in the third-quarter meltdown with John Jugos making 5 markers and Bry Bernardo adding a field goal. 8th Division never recovered after that, as Islander continued to run a balance offense to keep the big lead.

Meanwhile, three more games were played over the weekend with Saipan Vegas, Alamo RAC, and Budotz prevailing against their respective opponents.

Budotz walloped Pinatubo, 73-56; Alamo routed Batang, 61-41; and Saipan Vegas topped Thunder, 66-53.

Angelo Fernando paced Saipan Vegas with his 16 points, while Dennis Cortez and Randy Mungcal also finished in twin digits with 13 and 10, respectively.

Fernando registered 8 of his total points in the first quarter to lift Saipan Vegas to a 23-7 lead. The rest of his teammates took over in the last three periods en route to their easy win.

In the Budotz-Pinatubo match, the former saved the best for last to earn a 17-point win.

Down by one at the end of the third quarter, 46-47, Budotz tripled Pinatubo's output in the final canto, 27-9. Raymond Velasco had 7 points in the payoff frame and he drew enough help from his teammates, as three of them made at least two field goals each.

In the final game last Sunday, Alamo scored 19 points against only 6 for Batang to turn a 28-19 halftime lead to a 47-25 advantage. Carl Aldan had 6 points in that third-quarter run to finish with a team-high 15 points.

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Two Islander players stay close on defense against 8th Division's Alex Lauron during the first quarter of their game in the 2018 Civic Center Inter-color Basketball League last Saturday at the Civic Center court.

Alex Morgan, Marta included on FIFPro Women's World XI

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. national soccer team striker Alex Morgan and Brazil forward Marta were among the players chosen for the FIFPro Women's World XI, released Thursday to coincide with International Women's Day.

Goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl of Sweden was joined by defenders Nilla Fischer of Sweden, Lucy Bronze of England, Irene Paredes of Spain and Wendie Renard of France. Midfielder Dzsenifer Maroszan of Germany, Camille Abily of France, Pernille Harder of Denmark and Lieke Martens of the Netherlands round out the 11.

"It's always exciting to be considered as one of the top players in the world. For women's football to have our own World XI is incredible," Morgan said in a statement. "It helps promote the women's game. It helps female footballers recognize the talent among their peers and I'm really happy to encourage and be a part of that."

More than 4,100 female first-division players in 45 countries voted for team, based on 2017 play for clubs and national teams. It is the third year that FIFPro, the global group of players' unions, has compiled a women's team.

The award was special to Abily, who retired from France's national team last year.

"After I stopped with France last year after the European Championship I thought I would go on for one or two more years with Olympique Lyonnais. But I think at the end of this season I'm done. I could still change my mind but I don't think so," she said. "I decided this about a month ago."

Marta, who had long said she planned to retire at 30, is now hoping that at 32 she can help Brazil qualify for next year's World Cup in France. Marta also plays with Morgan on the Orlando Pride of the National Women's Soccer League.

"Women's football is becoming more competitive so it's harder to stay at the top," she said. "You have to have a lot of perseverance to stay consistent. I have that in my character: fighting spirit."

Meanwhile, in Orlando, Florida, the U.S. women's national team beat England 1-0 on Wednesday night to win the SheBelieves Cup tournament.

In the earlier game at Orlando City Stadium, sixth-ranked France topped No. 2 Germany 3-0.

The United States finished atop the table at 2-0-1 while England was second at 1-1-1, ahead of defending champion France (1-1-1) on goal differential. Germany finished last at 0-2-1.

The top-ranked U.S. team beat third-ranked England on an own goal that came off of a cross from Megan Rapinoe in the 60th minute.

Before the match at Orlando City Stadium, there was a moving moment of silence for the 17 victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. The team invited the family of victim Alyssa Alhadeff, as well as her club and school teams. The guests all received special jerseys with Alhadeff's name and number on them.

Carli Lloyd started the game for her 250th appearance for the national team, moving her up to sixth on the career list.

The Americans were without several key players for the three-city tournament, including veteran defender Becky Sauerbrunn, who is recovering from a foot injury, and midfielder Tobin Heath, who had ankle surgery. Defender Julie Ertz was rested for the final match by coach Jill Ellis. All three were on the 2015 World Cup-winning team.

The United States played to a 1-1 draw with sixth-ranked France at Red Bull Stadium on Sunday after a 1-0 victory over No. 2 Germany in the tournament opener in Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday.

England won its opener over France 4-1 before playing to a 2-2 draw with Germany. U.S. England is coached by former Manchester United defender Phil Neville after the dismissal of coach Mark Sampson last year.

All four teams are preparing for next year's World Cup in France. France already qualified for the tournament as hosts, while the defending champion United States will attempt to qualify this fall.

SCHORR

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whipped Tajikistan's Khushbakht Karimov, 6-0, 6-0, in the ranking bracket.

"I am excited to be back and play in the Junior Davis Cup," said Schorr in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday afternoon after his last practice session at the Pacific Islands Club.

"We will be playing on clay court, so it's going to be an added challenge to us and we will try our best to represent our islands and Pacific Oceania," he added.

Schorr also said that having Song as teammate and Race as coach will be a great help in his bid to improve his performance in the Junior Davis Cup.

"We know each other well, so the chemistry is there," the 15-year-old player said.

Schorr, Song, and Mainguy will be fighting for the two qualifying slots in Sri Lanka. They have to make it to the finals to advance to the 2018 Junior Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Qualifying Tournament that will be held in Thailand later this month. Last year, Pacific Oceania finished ninth after beating Tajikistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

Besides Pacific Oceania and the host country, the qualifier will also feature players from Kuwait, Pakistan, Lebanon, Mongolia, Iran, Qatar, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Malaysia, Maldives, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Vietnam, Philippines, Singapore, Laos, and Kyrgyzstan.

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jah, who found the back of the net in the sixth, 27th, and 40th minute, respectively.

Meanwhile, in the first match, Kanoa edged Matansa, 2-1.

Ian Maniago and Brian Lubao delivered the goals for Kanoa in the second half with the former hitting his target in the 48th minute and the latter in the 63rd. Matansa avoided a shutout loss, thanks to an error from Kanoa, the losing squad got an own goal in the 66th minute.

After beating Matansa, Kanoa will go for another victory this Saturday when it takes on Shirley's in the last game at 4pm. In the two other matches this weekend, Paire will challenge the unbeaten MP United at 1pm, while Tan-Holdings will try to bounce back when it duels Matansa at 2:30pm.

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game, the Braves finished strong, scoring eight runs in the last two innings.

The Braves were behind after five complete inning, 1-4, as they made it to the board only at top of the fourth, while the Fielders had two runs apiece in the first and the fourth.

Back-to-back RBI singles from Vic Camacho and one from Josenio Alvarez at the top of the sixth moved the Braves within one, but the Fielders scored on a fielder's choice at the bottom for more breathing room, 5-3. However, the Fielders eventually lost the driver's seat in the seventh inning, as the Braves managed to make six runs. J.J. Celis batted twice and had RBI singles on both occasion; Camacho also hit an RBI single; Alvarez belted an RBI triple; and the rest of the Braves' runs were recorded off the Fielders' errors.

The Fielders could not regain the upper hand at the bottom of the seventh as they were held to one run and finished the match when they were forced to a double play.

Meanwhile, the Braves also triumphed in the Junior League game last Saturday after outclassing the Falcons, 6-2.

The Falcons scored their two runs in the first inning and none of their runners moved past second base for a shutout in the remaining six innings. The Braves also failed to reach home in the first, but played better in the second and third, recording four and two runs to gain enough cushion.

In the other Junior League game, the Comets topped the Chiefs, 11-3.

Bing Nakamura led the Comets with his four RBIs on a 3-for-4 performance at the plate. He also scored two runs. Justin Agulto hit 3-for-4,too, and contributed three runs, while Jay Lifoifoi, Red Teregeyo, and Nate Aizon had two runs each.

Shirley's FC, Tinian Premier hold friendly tourney

TINIAN—The Shirley's Football Club U16 Girls and Women's teams visited Tinian on President's Day weekend for a friendly tournament against Tinian Premier Football Club. The visiting club was made up of 27 players, two officials, and a few parent supporters.

The tournament was organized as a reward for the hardwork Shirley's players showed for the past year.

"Both our U15 girls and women's teams worked really hard in 2017. We bagged a few championships and also lost some, but it was really the sportsmanship displayed throughout the year that convinced us the players deserved something special," Shirley's FC girls U15 coach Marrielle Gariguez, who also suited up for the club's women's squad.

"We thought about ways to make the players feel proud about their performance for the past two seasons and at the same time, we also wanted them to have a good team bonding trip," said Angie Ito, who was one of the organizers of the event and also played for the visiting team.

The team decided that Tinian was a better option as it served a dual purpose.

"Most players always look forward to traveling to Guam because of the many exciting things the island has to offer. However, we firmly decided to go to Tinian because we felt that the players would be able to truly bond better there with less distractions; and at the same time, we could help Tinian with their soccer program," said organizer Marilou Arriola.

The host club welcomed Shirley's FC players and officials and Tinian Premier hopes more teams will visit the island so they can enjoy playing the sport together.

"Our youth continues to benefit from the opportunities to play on Saipan and against Saipan teams. They take pride in representing their island and showcasing their skills. They build self esteem, important character traits, but most importantly it motivates them to keep physically active and build lasting memories," Tinian Premier FC's Arley Long said.

"Today the importance of physical activity is stronger than ever, as it improves health and we have enough validation that a fit child or adult is more likely to be well rested, prevent chronic diseases and stay mentally sharp. We would like to extend a big thank you to our coach and councilman Phillip Long, junior coaches Jared King, J.C. Guintu, Chit Acollador, Chad Acollador,Edgard AcolladorJr, Tasi Long, Cielo Long, and Isa Long, TPFC coordinator Rosalyn Acolladador. Thank you, too to Tinian Mayor's Office for continuing to support TPFC, Jerry Tan, Bridge Investment Group, and the rest of our island communities," she added.

The tournament between Shirley's FC and Tinian Premier featured mini games which resulted in three wins for the host and two for the visiting club. The first game was for girls U16 players and Shirley's prevailed, 6-0. For the second match, it was the women's team's turn to play and this time Tinian won, 1-0. Shirley's women's squad also challenged the host's boys U15 crew and the latter came out victorious in the third match of the day, 5-1. Tinian's third victory came from its co-ed U15 team, which shut down the Shirley's women's crew, 2-0. For the final game of the day, Shirley's girls U16 players avenged their earlier lost to Tinian with a 1-0 victory.

"Both clubs were very happy to have a friendly tournament, stressing how very important it is for the development of NMI soccer. Tinian needs help. The island has great, strong players that can play at the national team level. Unfortunately, because of the distance, it is difficult for them to train with the rest of the players on Saipan," Ito said.

"We need to keep encouraging other teams and clubs to come to Tinian to help them with their soccer program and have our kids enjoy the island's beauty at the same time," added Arriola.

Besides the mini matches, Tinian Premier and Shirley's FC also had a beachside barbeque.

"It was really nice seeing all the players relaxed, enjoying the food and each other's company. TPFC were great hosts," said Arriola.

Meanwhile, Shirley's FC would like to thank the following for helping make this tournament possible: Arley and Phillip Long and the rest of the Tinian Premier FC, Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, Senator Jude Hofschneider, The Super Emerald, Norman Tenorio, Shirley's Coffee Shop, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and the parents of the players.

Tinian Premier Football Club's Phillip and Arley Long exchange club souvenirs with Shirley's Football Club's Noelle Macario before their friendly game on Tinian last month.

A Tinian Premier Football Club boys U15 player, right, plays defense against a Shirley' FC women's team member.

Tinian Premier Football Club and Shirley's FC players thank their officials for making the friendly tournament possible.

Tinian Premier Football Club players and officials listen to a brief message from Shirley's Football Club's women's team.

Tinian Premier Football Club and Shirley's FC players strike a pose for the camera before their friendly match.

The two clubs officials and players pose for a photo during a BBQ party.

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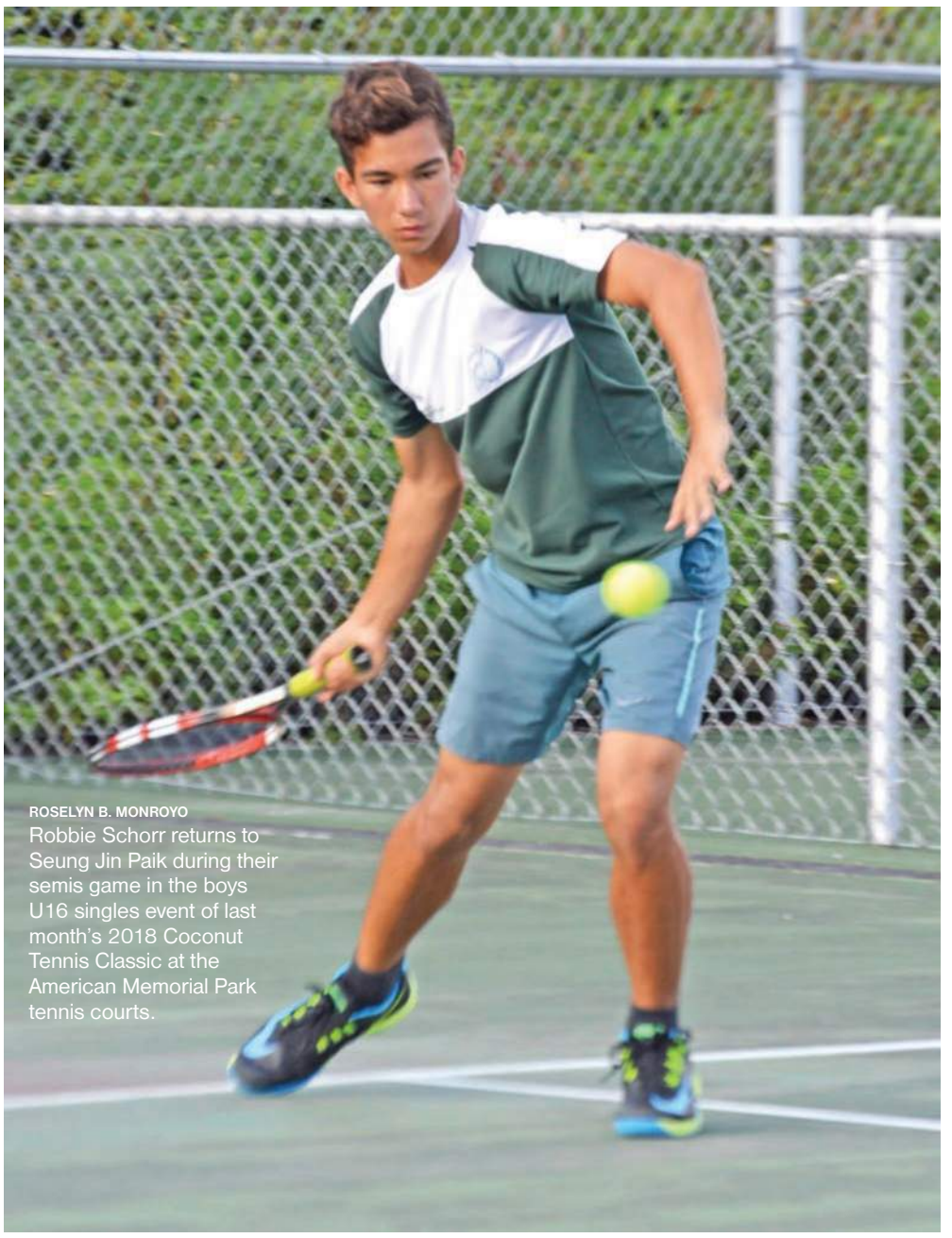

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Robbie Schorr returns to Seung Jin Paik during their semis game in the boys U16 singles event of last month's 2018 Coconut Tennis Classic at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

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The CNMI's Robbie Schorr and Ken Song will suit up for the Pacific Oceania Team that will compete in the 2018 Junior Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Pre-Qualifying Event next week in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Schorr and Song left Saipan early this morning and were joined on their trip to the South Asian nation by Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association's Jeff Race, who will also serve as captain of the Pacific Oceania Team. Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy completes the squad's roster for the tournament that will run from March 12 to 17 at the Sri Lanka Tennis Association court.

Schorr will be making his second appearance in the Junior Davis Cup, while Song is a first-timer. Schorr is thankful for the opportunity to represent the CNMI and Pacific Oceania anew and hopes to have a better showing in the Junior Davis Cup this time. Last year, Schorr got only one win in the tournament that was held in India. The 2016 NMSA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Student Athlete of the Year Schorr

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Easy win for MP United, Paire

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Paire Football Club and MP United FC waltzed past their respective opponents in the boys U15 division matches in the 2018 NMIFA Spring Youth League last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

MP United played in the last game of the triple-header and closed out the action for the weekend with a 3-0 shutout victory over TanHoldings FC. Rintaro Miyawaki had a pair of goals for MP United, while Jason Quimzon made the other one for the winning team. Miyawaki drew first blood for MP United with his conversion in the 29th minute, while his second one came in the 58th. Quimzon lit up the board in the 41st minute.

In the second game, Paire coasted past Shirley's FC, 7-3, behind the outstanding game of Kaden Church. Church outscored the entire Shirley's crew after firing four goals. He had back-to-back shots in the 15th and 16th minute and did the same in the second half when he recorded his pair in the 38th and 57th.

Jon Villagomez and Dylan Mister added one goal each to Church's brace in the first half to lift Paire to a 4-2 advantage. Villagomez scored in the 22nd minute, while Mister followed suit a minute later. Mister then handed Paire its last goal in the 66th minute.

Shirley's three goals were courtesy of Josh David Joson, Rakib Hassan, and Eli-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
An MP United Football Club player, left, tries to dribble past a TanHoldings FC defender during the second half of their boys U15 division game in the 2018 NMIFA Spring Youth League last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

Falcons, Braves prevail in Senior League

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Defending champions Falcons and the Braves won in the Senior League division games in the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball last Sunday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

In the first match, the Braves downed the Fielders, 9-6, while in the second tiff, the Falcons eased past the Comets, 17-1.

The Falcons allowed the Comets to reach home only in the first inning off a passed ball, as starting pitcher Pedro Maratita did a good job on the mound. He threw a three-hitter in 2.1 inning pitched and had six strikeouts before being relieved by Aven Evangelista.

JON PEREZ
A Falcons pitcher prepares to throw from the mound during an earlier game against the Comets in the Junior League division of the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Evangelista went on to shut down the Comets in the remaining part of the shortened game, giving up only two hits and fanning out four. The Falcons got the win after only five innings.

Besides his steady performance on the mound, Evangelista was also impressive at bat as he hit 3-for-4 and scored three RBIs and two runs. His two-run triple was the highlight in the Falcons' seven-run surge at the top of the second inning.

Before pulling away in the second inning, the Falcons were ahead by only three after one complete inning, 4-1. The Comets got their lone run in the match from Kiana Aldan, who was driven home by Clarence Cabrera's single.

In the other Senior League

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